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CONFERENCE RULES OF ORDER.

ADOPTED IN 1869.

1. The Conference shall meet at 8½ o'clock A. M., and adjourn at 12 M., but may alter the time of meeting and adjourning at its discretion.
2. The President shall take the chair precisely at the time to which the Conference stood adjourned, and cause the same to be opened by reading the Scriptures, singing and prayer, and shall have the journals of the preceding day read and approved.
3. The President shall decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Conference; but, in case of an appeal, the question shall be taken without debate.
4. He shall appoint all committees not otherwise specially ordered by the Conference, but any member may decline serving on more than one committee at the same time.
5. All motions and resolutions introduced by any member shall be reduced to writing, if the President, Secretary, or any member of the Conference requests it.
6. When a motion, resolution or report presented is read by the Secretary or stated by the President, it shall be deemed in possession of the Conference, but any motion or resolution may be withdrawn by the mover, at any time before action or amendment.
7. No new motion or resolution shall be made before the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adoption or rejection, unless one of the following should intervene, which motions shall have precedence in the order in which they are placed, viz: Indefinite postponement, lying on the table, reference to a committee, postponement to any given time, or amendment.
8. No member shall be interrupted when speaking, except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question, uses personalities or disrespectful language; but any member may call the attention of the President to the subject when he deems the speaker out of order, or any other member may explain when he thinks himself misrepresented.
9. When any member is about to speak in debate, or deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall rise from his seat and respectfully address himself to the President.
10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject, or more than fifteen minutes at one time, without leave of the Conference; nor shall any person speak more than once until every member choosing to speak shall have spoken.
11. When any motion or resolution shall have passed, it shall be in order for any member who voted in the affirmative to move a reconsideration.
12. No member shall absent himself from the services of Conference without leave, unless he is sick or unable to attend.
13. No member shall be allowed to vote on any question who is not within the bar of the Conference at the time such question is put by the President, except by leave of Conference, when such member has been necessarily absent.
14. Every member who shall be within the bar at the time the question is put, shall give his vote, unless the Conference, for special reasons, excuse him.
15. No motion shall be considered unless seconded.
16. The Secretary shall keep a journal of the proceedings of Conference, and when approved, shall record them in a book provided for that purpose. He shall take charge of the journal and other papers of the Conference, and preserve them with care; suffer no person to take a copy of any paper during the interval of Conference, except with the consent of the Conference; and shall forward the journal and papers to the next Annual Conference.
17. A motion to adjourn shall be in order at any time, and shall be decided without debate.
18. No preacher shall bring any charge against any member of this Conference until he has first given him information of the same, either by letter or otherwise, ten days in advance, if practicable, so that the accused may have an opportunity for defense.
19. When any brother intends to object to the passage of another's character, it shall be his duty to hand the name of the person against whom objections are to be made to the President of the Conference, who shall pass the name by, to be invested in secret session, at such time as the Conference may direct.

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TO CONFERENCE OF 1871.

1. Mature your statistical and other returns before leaving home.
2. Report them *as soon* as you arrive. If you do not expect to arrive early, forward them.
3. Report *only dollars*, if possible, to facilitate committee work.
4. Report the Children's Missionary money separately. [See Discipline, Part V, Sec. 3, Par. 12.]
5. Write proper names and figures with extreme care.
6. Presiding Elders will please bring to the next session a complete list of local preachers in their districts. Let the report state whether they are merely licensed, or Deacons or Elders. Add their post office addresses. [See Discipline of 1868, Appendix 30.]

TO EVERY MEMBER—PERSONAL.

The Secretary, Rev. A. EDWARDS, 66 Washington street, Chicago, wishes to immediately receive by mail answers to the following. The material is wanted to complete the Register:

1. Your name in full.
2. Born—where?
3. Born—when?
4. Admitted into full connection—
In what Conference?
5. When?
6. If not originally admitted into Detroit Conference, from what Conference, or other Church, transferred to Detroit Conference?
7. When?

ABSTRACT OF SESSION JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

WEDNESDAY, August 24, 1870.

THE FIFTEENTH SESSION OF THE DETROIT ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH began at 9 o'clock A. M. on Wednesday, August 24th, 1870, in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Fenton, Mich. Bishop D. W. Clark took the chair, read the Twenty-seventh Psalm and the seventeenth chapter of John, announced the 707th Hymn, led in prayer, announced the 212th Hymn, and invited Bro. Menasseh Hickey to again lead in prayer.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll.

The transfer of William W. Washburne, a deacon of the second class, from the Minnesota Conference, was received, and his name was ordered to be placed on the Conference roll. The transfer of Andrew W. Wilson from Genesee Conference was recognized, and his name was ordered to be placed on the roll. The transfer of Leander W. Pilcher, a probationer in Delaware Conference, was received. The transfer of George R. Davis from Delaware Conference was received. Bro. Davis, at the session of Detroit Conference in 1869, was received into full connection and ordained Deacon. Since that session he was transferred to Delaware Conference for election to Elder's orders, and is now re-transferred to this Conference. The transfer of George G. Lyon from Genesee Conference was received, and his name was ordered to be placed upon the roll.

Arthur Edwards was re-elected Secretary by acclamation, and authorized to nominate Assistants. William C. Way, J. A. McIlwain, Leemon Barnes and D. W. Hammond were accordingly nominated and elected.

The rules of order which governed the session of 1869 were adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Standing Committees for the session were constituted as follows:

Education—McCarty, Hankinson, McClure.
Albion College—McEldowney, Burnham, Barnes.
Church Extension—Benton, Verner, Clack.
Lay Delegation—W. E. Bigelow, Noyes, R. C. Crane.
Periodicals—McEldowney, Armstrong, Nichols.
Bible Cause—H. O. Parker, W. P. Maywood, Frazer.
Sunday Schools—Betts, Triggs, Lanning.
Temperance—Smart, H. N. Brown, Bessey.
Conference Stewards—Cordon, Bancroft, Hammond.
Parsonages—Smart, Kelley, Stowe.
Mission Auditors—W. E. Bigelow, Hagadorne, Campbell.
Missions—The Presiding Elders.
Freedmen—Davidson, Levington, Austin.
Memoirs—Arnold, Wm. Taylor, Hascall, Blades, Reed.
Sanctity of the Sabbath—Fisk, Sutton, Perrin.
Statistics—S. P. Warner, R. H. Crane, Wortley, Wm. Taylor, Kelley, B. S. Taylor, York, Frazer.
Tracts—Pritchard, Hood, Owen.
Eight on Claims—C. W. Austin, Lowe, Bessey, S. Bird, McCarty, S. E. Warren, Donnelly, LaDu.
Nominating Committee for 1871—T. J. Joslin, A. J. Bigelow, Wortley, Hicks, Burnham, Armstrong, H. O. Parker, Hankinson.
Public Worship—Elwood, Fox, W. E. Bigelow.
Post Offices—Barry.
 Ransom R. Richards was re-admitted on the certificate of location granted him by the Detroit Conference September 6th, 1867.

LAY DELEGATES.

The following lay delegates were announced as authorized to attend this present session:

From Detroit District—George O. Robinson, J. L. Near.
Ann Arbor District—Alexander Winchell, Watson Snyder.
Adrian District—J. M. Rothrock, E. S. Ormsby.

From Owosso District—Charles Locke, Bela Cogshall.

Flint District—F. Walker, E. Saunders.

Romeo District—Uriel Townsend, Erastus Stiff.

Port Huron District—H. M. Loud, Charles Folkert.

Lake Superior District—D. H. Merritt.

All lay delegates present were introduced to the Conference.

Reports from the General Book Committee, together with a minority report from the same, were received and placed on file.

Communications from the Missionary Society and from the Church Extension Society were received, and referred to the committee on those subjects.

The limits of the bar were fixed at the farther side of the third window from the pulpit.

Bishop Clark presented the following certificate, to be entered upon the journal:

FENTON, Mich., August 24, 1870.

George R. Davis, having been elected by the Delaware Annual Conference to Elder's orders, in view of his appointment to the mission work, was ordained by me in the Centenary M. E. Church, Chicago, Ill., August 18, 1870.

Leander W. Pilcher, under similar circumstances, and upon the same authority, was ordained Deacon, and subsequently Elder, on the same occasion.

D. W. CLARK.

The Eleventh Question was considered.

A. C. Shaw and M. B. Wilsie were superannuated.

Charges by J. S. Smart against D. C. Jacokes were referred to a court, organized as follows:

Wm. E. Bigelow, President.

J. A. McIlwain, Secretary.

R. R. Richards, G. I. Betts, J. H. Burnham, J. H. McCarty, A. J. Richards, S. E. Warren, Wesley Hagadorne, B. S. Taylor, R. C. Lanning, William Donnelly, L. Lee, S. W. LaDu, J. G. Morgan, Wm. Taylor, J. F. Davidson.

Bishop Clark pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, August 25, 1870.

The Conference met at 8½ o'clock A. M. Bishop Clark was in the chair. The opening religious exercises were conducted by William E. Bigelow.

The roll of absentees was called.

Certain papers, containing the appeal of Joseph Smith, a local preacher in Lafayette Street Church, Detroit, from a decision in the Quarterly Conference of that church, were referred to the court which was organized yesterday.

A communication from the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was referred to the Conference Tract Committee.

Another communication, from the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was referred to the Conference committee on that subject.

The following lay delegates were added to standing committees:

Education—G. O. Robinson.

Albion College—Uriel Townsend.

Church Extension—F. Walker.

Lay Delegation—B. Cogshall.

Periodicals—E. Stiff.

Bible Cause—E. H. Merritt.

Sunday Schools—E. Saunders.

Temperance—Chas. Locke.

Conference Stewards—E. S. Ormsby.

Freedmen—F. Walker.

J. E. Parker and L. H. Dean were superannuated.

The Eleventh Question was resumed.

Rev. E. E. Pearman was admitted to Conference on a certificate of location granted him by the North Indiana Conference, April 18, 1870.

The Eleventh Question was again called up.

L. R. Fisk presented a paper containing "Minutes of a joint meeting of the Executive Committee of the State Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Normal Institute, and the committees appointed by the Detroit and Michigan Conferences in 1869." The paper was referred to the Committee on Sunday Schools.

The Eighth Question was considered, and the characters of the Superannuates were examined and passed, and S. S. Littlefield and A. Allen were made effective.

The Seventh Question was taken up, and the characters of the Supernumerary Ministers were examined and passed.

Conference was adjourned by expiration of time, notices were given, and Wm. Donnelly pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.**FRIDAY, August 26.**

Bishop Clark was in the chair. J. McEldowney conducted opening worship.

The report of D. Preston, Endowment Fund Trustee for Albion College, was received and referred to the Committee on Albion College.

Rev. A. J. Kynett, Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was introduced, and addressed the Conference.

Certain charges against Franklin W. May were referred to the court already organized.

A draft for thirty dollars (\$30) on the chartered fund was ordered.

The Fifth Question was taken up, and the characters of David O. Ball, Charles Simpson, Samuel J. Brown, James E. Withey, Joseph Frazer, Leemon Barnes, Wm. P. Maywood, Frederick E. York, Pinckney L. Turner, A. W. Wilson, and Samuel Kitzmiller were examined and passed, and they were elected to Elders' orders.

The Fourth Question was considered, and the characters of Isaac N. Elwood, Lewis J. Whitcomb, A. W. Harding, L. L. Houghton, James Balls and W. W. Washburne were passed, and these brethren were advanced to the second class of Deacons.

The Second Question was taken up.

The committee to nominate Standing Committees for 1871 reported as follows:

STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 1871.

Education—I. N. Elwood, B. S. Taylor, W. C. Way.

Albion College—L. C. York, E. E. Caster, R. S. Pardington.

Church Extension—A. R. Bartlett, W. P. Maywood, C. W. Austin.

Lay Delegation—F. W. Warren, A. B. Clough, J. O. Bancroft.

Periodicals—John Kelly, C. C. Yemans, N. Green.

Bible Cause—J. S. Joslin, H. N. Brown, C. Simpson.

Sabbath Schools—J. F. Davidson, J. W. Scott, J. Frazer.

Temperance—Luther Lee, J. M. Gordon, D. W. Hammond.

Conference Stewards—J. S. Smart, W. H. Benton, L. Barnes.

Parsonages—R. R. Richards, B. F. Pritchard, L. S. Tedman.

Mission Auditing—E. H. Pilcher, J. G. Whitcomb, J. W. Holt.

Missions—Presiding Elders.

Freedmen—John Russell, Wm. Benson, H. Hood.

Memoirs—J. H. McCarty, O. J. Perrin, G. W. Lowe.

Sanctity of the Sabbath—W. E. Bigelow, O. Sanborn, G. W. Owen.

Statistics—L. R. Fisk, T. Stalker, J. H. McClure.

Tracts—W. H. Shier, Eli Wigle, S. Bird.

Committee of Eight on Conference Claims—[To be filled on first day of Session in 1871.]

Ministerial Education—[To be filled.]

Post Offices—[To be filled.]

To Nominate Committees for 1872—

Public Worship—

J. S. Smart, in accordance with the Discipline, Part II, Chap. 2, Section 14, page 95, paragraph 6, presented the following

points of appeal from decisions of D. C. Jacokes, in the Adrian Quarterly Conference :

The special points upon which a decision is asked, are as follows :

1. Does the Discipline of the M. E. Church make it the duty of the Stewards or of the Trustees to control and disburse the funds raised for the support of the preacher in charge and other current expenses ?
2. Are the funds in the hands of the Trustees, raised for the support of the preachers and other current expenses, subject to the control of the Quarterly Conference ?
3. Is it competent for a Presiding Elder, when a pending resolution has been modified under the influence of his rulings, to afterwards withdraw those rulings ?
4. Has a Presiding Elder a right, according to Methodist law, to exclude questions of law submitted to him in a Quarterly Conference, and his decisions thereon, from the records of said conference ?
5. Is it competent for a Presiding Elder to interpose his authority to prevent the regular annual election of the Trustees by the Quarterly Conference ?
6. If, for any cause, the Presiding Elder should attempt to prevent the regular annual election of the Trustees by the Quarterly Conference, and should refuse to put the vote, upon the nomination of the preacher in charge, and the preacher in charge should himself put the vote, would the election of the Trustees by a large majority of the Quarterly Conference be legal and valid ?

Respectfully,

J. S. SMART.

DECISIONS.

The law of the church, found in the Book of Discipline of the M. E. Church (Part II, Ch. 2, Sec. 14), makes it the duty of the Presiding Elder "to decide all questions of law in the Quarterly Conference, subject to an appeal to the President of the next annual Conference." Under this provision, the pastor of the church in Adrian has deemed it his duty to appeal from certain decisions of questions of law made by the Presiding Elder in the Quarterly Conferences held in said church—the first on April 18th, and the second on August 22d, 1870. The appeal, together with the conjoined statement of facts, has been received by the Conference and referred to the President for decision.

The specific points upon which decision is asked are as follows :

1. "Does the discipline of the M. E. Church make it the duty of the Stewards, or of the Trustees, to control and disburse the funds raised for the support of the preacher in charge and other current expenses ?"

Ans.—The Discipline (Part II, Ch. 3, Sec. 3, and ans. to Q. 3), makes it one of the duties of the Stewards “to take an exact account of *all* the money or other provisions collected for the support of preachers in the circuit or station, and *apply* the same as the Discipline directs.” The expression “*apply the same*,” etc., gives to the Stewards the control of “all the money or other provisions collected for the support of the preachers in the circuit or station.” The ruling or interpretation of law, therefore, which would wrest from the Stewards such control, is contrary to discipline and in error. In regard to “current expenses,” those collected to relieve the sick or the poor, or to provide elements for the Lord’s Supper, are to be controlled by the Stewards, and the decision in the quarterly Conference that gave such control to the Trustees is in error. The money raised to meet another class of current expenses, such as interest on the church debt, is correctly ruled to be under the control of the Trustees.

2. “Are the funds in the hands of the Trustees raised for the support of the preachers and other current expenses, subject to the control of the quarterly Conference?”

Ans.—The answer to this question must depend upon what is intended to be implied in the use of the word “control.” If it is intended to inquire whether the quarterly Conference may take these funds out of the hands of the Trustees, and disburse them itself, our answer is, No; if, however, it is meant to ask whether the Trustees are accountable to the quarterly Conference for the use they shall make of any such funds that may be in their hands, our answer is, Yes. For the Discipline (Part VI, Ch. 3, Sec. 2) makes “the Board of Trustees of every circuit or station responsible to the quarterly Conference of said circuit or station. The question, however, is, in the main, covered by the answer to question one.

3. “Is it competent for a Presiding Elder, when a pending resolution has been modified under the influence of his rulings, to afterward withdraw those rulings?”

Ans.—This is a question of order, rather than of law, but still we submit that on an erroneous ruling of a presiding officer, an appeal may be taken to the body over which he presides; also, that a ruling discovered to be in error may be withdrawn or reversed, but such withdrawal or reversion invalidates all action based upon such erroneous ruling.

4. “Has a Presiding Elder a right, according to Methodist law, to exclude questions of law submitted to him in a Quarterly Conference, and his decisions thereupon, from the records of said Conference?”

Ans.—By no means. The right of appeal to the President of the Annual Conference is sacredly guaranteed (see Dis., Part II, Ch. 2, Sec. 6), and if the matter is excluded from the record, an appeal becomes impracticable; besides that, it is the duty of the Secretary to make the record of proceedings, and the Conference, and not the President, is the judge of the correctness of such record.

5. "Is it competent for a Presiding Elder to interpose his authority to prevent the regular annual election of the Trustees by the quarterly Conference?"

Ans.—No. The Discipline makes it his duty to see that such annual election is had "in all cases" where the law of the State or territory does not require some specified mode of election. (See Dis., Part VI, Ch. 3, Sec. 2). Such ruling is therefore erroneous.

6. "If, for any cause, the Presiding Elder should attempt to prevent the regular annual election of the Trustees by the Quarterly Conference, and should refuse to put the vote upon the nomination of the preacher in charge, and the Preacher in charge would himself put the vote, would the election of Trustees by a large majority of the Quarterly Conference be legal and valid?"

[The facts recited in the paper as giving rise to the question, and which was received and referred to me by the Conference, are these: At the fourth quarterly Conference for Adrian station, Detroit Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, the Preacher in charge proposed to go into the election of Trustees, according to the requirements of Discipline, Part VI, Ch. 3, Sec. 2, Q. 1, Ans. 3. Whereupon the Presiding Elder refused to allow the election to proceed, declining, also, on his part, to nominate Trustees for the annual election. The reason assigned for this by the Presiding Elder is, that one or more of the Trustees are holden on joint security for money, and cannot, therefore, be ejected, by disciplinary provision in Part VI, Ch. 3, Sec. 2, Ans. 4. Whereupon a tender was made of securities perfectly responsible to discharge the liabilities of any and all of such Trustees that might be removed, should the election take place. The Presiding Elder still refused to allow the election to proceed, whereupon the Pastor made the nomination and put the question to vote, and the election was had, from 14 to 17, out of 23 present, voting in each case, and the election being declared carried by the Preacher in charge, and recorded by the Secretary of the Quarterly Conference, in each case. If this shall appear revolutionary or an usurping of authority on the part of the Preacher in charge, it must be remembered that it was designed to effect what the Discipline required to be done, and made him in part, and under certain contingencies, in whole, responsible to have done.—*Note by Bishop Clark.*]

Ans.—The Discipline requires, except in certain specified cases, an annual election of Trustees at the fourth Quarterly Conference, and imposes upon the Presiding Elder the duty of seeing that such election is had. The State likewise recognizes and legalizes (see Compiled Laws of the State of Michigan, Vol. I, Ch. 68, p. 670) the election of Trustees made in accordance with the "constitution, rules or usages of any particular church or religious denomination." The Discipline provides that when the law of the State or territory does not require a specified mode of election of Trustees, they shall be elected annually by the fourth Quarterly Conference of the circuit or station, upon the nomination of the Preacher in charge or the Presiding Elder of the district. (See Dis., Part VI, Ch. 3, Sec. 2.) Even when individual Trustees have become personally responsible for the debts of the Trustees, and may not for that reason be "ejected," still the annual election must be had; but the Quarterly Conference must either re-elect the Trustees

so holden, or must relieve them from their responsibility by the extinction of the debt. The preacher in charge is a member of the Quarterly Conference—is charged with important duties in it—and, in the absence of the Presiding Elder, without provision for one to take his place and execute the duties of his office—a condition how nearly met in a case where the Presiding Elder refuses to do, and endeavors to prevent what the Discipline requires to be done—is worthy of consideration. The Preacher in charge is *ex officio* President of the Quarterly Conference. While, then, the action recited in connection with the question lacks some of the formal elements of an ordinary election—the question being put to vote by the Preacher in charge, instead of the Presiding Elder—I cannot think it to be so essentially lacking as to vitiate its legality, and must therefore regard it, notwithstanding its informalities, a legal election. (Signed)

D. W. CLARK.

Arthur Edwards, J. M. Arnold and L. Barnes were appointed a committee to publish the minutes.

The Eighth Question was again called up, and Thomas Seeley was superannuated.

Upon consideration of the Seventeenth Question, Monroe was unanimously chosen as the seat of the next Conference.

John Levington introduced the following resolutions, which, after debate, were laid on the table :

WHEREAS, The system of Free Masonry is founded in falsehood, and conducted by deception and fraud, and that principally by the few, and for the benefit of the few, and to the injury of the many; and

WHEREAS, It is essentially anti-Christian in principle, purpose and action; and

WHEREAS, Its oaths, obligations and penalties are extremely wicked and barbarous; and

WHEREAS, Its symbols, assumptions, titles, ornaments and ceremonies are unreasonable, absurd, ridiculous, degrading, repugnant to common sense and common decency; and

WHEREAS, It is extremely slanderous, corrupt and corrupting, and is, in fact, corrupting every department of society wherever it finds an entrance; and

WHEREAS, It ascribes all this accumulated and accumulating mass of falsehood and moral corruption to God, and is, therefore, blasphemous, and professes to raise men to perfection here and heaven hereafter, while it excludes the very name of Jesus, the only Saviour; therefore,

Resolved, 1. That no adhering Mason can consistently, or with safety to the Christian religion, be admitted to or continue in the Christian ministry;

much less can such be consistently, or with safety, entrusted with office in the Church of God.

Resolved, 2. That no man, while adhering to the oaths, obligations and teachings of Masonry, can be a Christian.

Resolved, 3. That all adhering Masons should, by all proper means, be excluded from the Church of that Saviour the very name of whom Masonry excludes.

Resolved, 4. That the time has fully come when all Christians and patriots should unite in opposing this deadly conspiracy by the use of all proper means, for the purpose of saving both the Church and the State from its destructive influence and designs.

Notices were given, and the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. L. Hitchcock, D. D.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, August 27, 1870.

The Conference assembled at 8½ o'clock A. M. Bishop Clark in the chair. C. M. Anderson conducted the religious exercises. The journal was read and approved.

The motion by which the charges against Franklin W. May were referred for trial to the court already organized, was reconsidered, and a new court, organized as follows, was ordered :

Elijah H. Pilcher, president; Leemon Barnes, secretary; William Benson, Wm. H. Benton, Jesse B. Russell, S. Bird, J. W. Holt, I. H. Camburn, H. Hood, J. Horton, L. C. York, A. Gee, C. Mosher, J. Armstrong, R. Gage, Geo. W. Lowe, J. G. Whitcomb.

A document relating to the Garrett Biblical Institute was presented, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The report of the Trustees of Albion College was read and referred to the committee on that institution.

The Third Question was called up for consideration, and the characters of seven candidates were passed and they were admitted into full connection and elected to Deacons' orders.

The following local preachers, being duly recommended according to Discipline, were elected to Deacons' orders: Washington V. Richards, New Boston Circuit, Detroit District; Andrew Ebling, Birmingham, Detroit District; Samuel P. Gurney, Watrousville, Flint District; Geo. Deacon, Romeo, Romeo District; Francis J. Galbraith, North Branch, Romeo District, and Lewis E. Davis, Evanston, Chicago District, Rock River Conference.

The committee appointed September 6, 1869, to attend to the prosecution of the Newark church case, made an informal report, after which a committee was appointed to collect money to defray expenses of the suit.

The orders of Stephen S. Lanning, an Elder in the Free Will Baptist Church, were recognized, subject to his assumption of the ordination vows prescribed by our discipline. On the same condition, the orders of Leander E. Balcum, an Elder in the Free Will Baptist Church, were recognized. The orders of William S. Buxton, a traveling Elder in the Methodist Church, were recognized. The orders of George A. Burnett, an Elder in the Free Will Baptist Church, were recognized, subject to his assumption of our ordination vows.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That all reports of committees be required from chairmen in duplicate, and that the publishing committee be authorized to omit from the minutes all reports not so made.

A. EDWARDS,
W. C. WAY.

The Second Question was again called up, the character of James Riley passed, and he was continued on trial.

Conference adjourned. Notices were given, and J. M. Arnold pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, August 29, 1870.

The Conference assembled at 8½ o'clock, Bishop Clark in the chair. H. N. Brown conducted opening worship.

The journal was read and approved.

The following resolution was submitted, and, the Secretary putting the question, it was adopted by a rising vote :

WHEREAS, On Sabbath morning, August 28, the able and profound discourse of Bishop Clark was heard with great interest, and believing that a wide and extensive circulation of the same would greatly promote the cause of truth, as well as be a source of valuable instruction, especially to the younger ministers; therefore,

Resolved, That this Conference request a copy of said sermon for publication.

O. J. PERRIN,
A. R. HAZEN.

The following resolution was adopted :

WHEREAS, The two Conferences within the bounds of the State of Michigan are so related to each other that it frequently becomes necessary to transfer members from one to the other, in order to supply the work; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the State of Michigan should be regarded, in a special sense, as common territory in supplying the various charges within our bounds; that we bespeak for any who may go from us to our sister Conference a cordial reception, while we pledge the same to any who may come to us from them.

M. HICKEY,
E. O. HAVEN,
R. BIRD.

S. S. Littlefield, who at this session was made effective, was returned to the superannuate list.

Permission was given to the Addison Quarterly Conference, Adrian District, to sell the parsonage at that place.

George I. Betts was granted a location at his own request, and the Conference voted to give him a welcome whenever he may conclude to return to the itinerant work.

Aaron R. Laing was located, at his own request.

Theron C. Higgins was given a supernumerary relation, at his own request.

The Standing Committee on Albion College made a report, which was received and adopted. (See Report **A.**)

In accordance with the recommendation of this report, John McEldowney was by ballot elected a Trustee in place of B. F. Cocker, whose term is expired, and David Preston, whose term is expired, was by ballot re-elected.

The report of the Albion College Library and Museum Society was read and adopted. (See Report **B.**)

The report of the Standing Committee on the Freedmen's Cause was presented and adopted. (See Report **C.**)

The report of the Committee on Parsonages was made and adopted. (See Report **D.**)

The Standing Committee on Education made their report, which was adopted. (See Report **E.**)

M. A. Daugherty, agent of Albion College, made a statement concerning the deficiency fund to pay current expenses of that institution. Thereupon F. A. Blades moved that \$2,000—one-half the necessary \$4,000—be raised within the bounds of the Detroit Conference, and that the matter be referred to the Presiding Elders for apportionment to our various charges. The motion prevailed, and it was ordered that the collection be taken in January, 1871.

The Mission Auditing Committee made a report, which was adopted. (See Report **F.**)

The Committee on Lay Delegation made a report, which was adopted. (See Report **G.**)

The Committee on Sanctity of the Sabbath made a report, which was adopted. (See Report **H.**)

The Committee on the Conference Ministerial Educational Society made the following report, which was adopted. (See Report **I.**)

In accordance with the recommendation of this report, officers were elected.

The report of the Standing Committee on Sunday Schools was adopted. (See Report **J.**)

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was read and adopted. (See Report **K.**)

The report on Statistics was read and adopted.

(See Tables **L.**)

The following resolution was passed :

Resolved, That we recognize the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of our Church as a legitimate, valuable and promising agency of the cause, and will welcome the Assistant Corresponding Secretary, Miss S. A. Rulison, to our charges, and recommend that the report of her labors be published in the annual minutes.

J. M. ARNOLD.

W. H. SHIER.

George G. Lyon was located, at his own request.

J. L. G. McKown, at his own request, was placed on the Supernumerary list, without appointment.

The journal was read and approved, the Conference adjourned, and Bishop Clark pronounced the benediction.

EVENING SESSION.

The Conference was called to order at 7½ p. m., Monday, August 29th, by Thomas C. Gardner. L. R. Fisk conducted the opening religious exercises.

After these devotions, Bishop Clark took the chair.

The report of the Committee on Church Extension was called for, but the report was not ready, and the committee received permission to report to the Committee on Publication of the Minutes.

(See Report **M.**)

The Conference, by vote, requested the Presiding Bishop to appoint J. M. Arnold Sunday School Agent.

The Committee on Bible Cause made its report, which was adopted. (See Report **N.**)

The Committee on Temperance made a report, which was adopted. (See Report **O.**)

The Conference Stewards made a report. (See Report **P.**) The amounts were apportioned and delivered as follows :

C. AIMANT.	SUM.	DELIVERED TO.
R. Triggs	\$75 80	W. M. Triggs.
E. Steele	75 80	E. Steele.
J. Gray	37 90	J. Armstrong.
F. Brittain	56 85	R. Bird.
S. S. Littlefield	56 85	J. R. Cordon.
J. Dobbins	37 90	J. M. Arnold.
J. Pugh	37 90	J. Pugh.
T. Seeley	37 90	Self.
Geo. Wilson	56 85	Self.
L. Mitchell	113 70	S. Reed.
E. B. Prindle	37 90	Self.
R. C. Crane	18 95	Self.
Mrs. W. Todd	75 80	J. M. Arnold.
Mrs. W. Hevener	18 95	A. R. Bartlett.
Mrs. Mothersill	75 80	S. Reed.
Mrs. J. Shank	95 03	W. H. Shier.
Mrs. I. C. Cochran	75 80	S. Reed.
Mrs. R. K. Dubois	75 80	E. Steele.
Mrs. G. N. Belknap	37 90	F. A. Blades.
Mrs. A. A. Watkins	37 90	L. R. Fisk.
Mute child of R. Goodell	37 90	A. J. Bigelow.
Daughter of R. Goodell	18 95	A. J. Bigelow.
Son of J. J. Whitmore	56 85	O. Whitmore.
Daughter of J. J. Whitmore	18 95	Chas. Locke.

The Committee on Missions made a report as follows, which was adopted:

At a meeting of the Mission Committee of the Detroit Conference, held in Fenton August 29, 1870, Rev. S. Clements was chosen chairman, and S. Reed secretary.

The amount of appropriation to the Detroit Conference for the coming year was, for

Domestic Missions	\$2,800
Indian Missions	1,200

This was appropriated to the following charges, to wit:

DETROIT DISTRICT—	OWOSO DISTRICT—
Jefferson Avenue	\$175 00
Northville	73 00
ANN ARBOR DISTRICT—	
Dixborough	43 00
ADRIAN DISTRICT—	
West Milan	100 '00
Ida	50 00
Clinton	41 00
Clayton	42 00
Medina	42 00
PORT HURON DISTRICT—	
St. Charles	\$100 00
Mungerville	80 00
Brant	52 00
Davisville	50 00
Brockway	50 00
Harrisville	50 00
Austin	50 00
Gratiot	50 00

FLINT DISTRICT—

Hazelton	-----	\$25 00
Tuscola and Millington	---	50 00
Midland City	-----	50 00
Tittabawasse	-----	50 00
Watrousville	-----	100 00
Cass City	-----	60 00
Unionville	-----	50 00
Port Austin & Caseville	..	40 00
Mayville & Piersonville	---	150 00
Bangor & Dolsonville	-----	50 00

Swan Creek & Kawkawling \$75 00

Averill's & Sixteen ----- 75 00

Pine River & Rifle River.. 37 00

ROMEO DISTRICT—

Rochester	-----	100 00
Brandon	-----	125 00
Attica	-----	65 00

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—

Houghton & Hancock	---	75 00
Phoenix & Central Mine	..	75 00
Escanaba	-----	200 00

The following appropriations were made to the Indian Missions, viz:

To the Pesahgening	-----	\$400 00
To the Kewawenon and Iroquois Mission	-----	800 00

S. CLEMENTS, *President.*S. REED, *Secretary.*

I concur in the above appropriations.

D. W. CLARK.

The Committee on Memoirs were not ready to report. The Secretary was instructed to insert in the printed minutes a memorial minute respecting the deaths of Bishops Thompson and Kingsley. (See page 402.)

The report of the Committee on Tracts was adopted. (See Report Q.)

Rev. Thomas Wright, fraternal delegate from the Presbyterian Synod of Michigan, was introduced to the Conference, and made appropriate remarks expressive of the warm sympathy of the body he represents.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the preachers on the Committee on Public Worship at the place of the next session of our Conference, be requested to reserve the Sabbath evening for a sacramental service.

F. A. BLADES,	S. CLEMENTS,
L. R. FISK,	E. H. PILCHER,
A. EDWARDS,	W. E. BIGELOW.

It was voted that pastors stationed in places where corresponding bodies hold their sessions be our delegates to such corresponding bodies. It was further voted that where these bodies meet within the bounds of the Michigan Conference, the delegates of that Conference be requested to represent also the Detroit Conference.

The following verdict was rendered:

The court to whom was referred the ease of Joseph Smith, of the Lafayette Avenue Church, took up the case August 25th, 1870, at Fenton, and, by the consent of both parties, it was referred back to the church for a new trial.

W. E. BIGELOW, *Chairman.*

JNO. ALEX. McILWAIN, *Secretary.*

The following verdict was also rendered :

The court to whom was referred the bill of charges by Rev. James S. Smart against Rev. D. C. Jacokes, after a careful and impartial investigation of the ease, beg leave to report that the charges are not sustained, and recommend that his character pass.

W. E. BIGELOW, *Chairman.*

JNO. ALEX. McILWAIN, *Secretary.*

The court in the case of F. W. May reported as follows :

The court in the case of F. W. May found that all the specifications on the bill presented against him were sustained, and that the specifications sustain the charge of unchristian conduct, and they resolved that he be reprimanded by the Bishop in private, and his character pass.

E. H. PILCHER, *President.*

L. BARNES, *Secretary.*

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote :

Resolved, That we tender to the citizens of Fenton the thanks of this Conference for the cordial reception extended to us, and for the generous manner in which we have been entertained during the week of our sojourn.

J. H. McCARTY, R. S. PARDINGTON,
W. H. SHIER, H. O. PARKER.

It was voted to give a cordial welcome to the agent of Albion College whenever he may visit our charges in the interest of that institution.

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we recommend the holding of a Methodist State Convention during the coming year, and that we appoint a committee of seven to act with a similar committee from the Michigan Conference, and make arrangements for the said convention.

THOS. C. GARDNER, L. R. FISK,
J. M. ARNOLD, M. HICKEY.

In accordance with the provisions of the above resolution, T. C. Gardner, Seth Reed, M. Hickey, David Preston, W. M. McConnell, L. R. Fisk and John McEldowney were appointed to confer with the committee of seven from the Michigan Conference.

The transfer of W. X. Ninde from Cincinnati Conference was received, and his name was placed on the roll.

The First Question was called up. James H. Kilpatrick, duly recommended from Belleville and Sheldons Quarterly Conference, Detroit District; Charles F. Robinson, duly recommended by Lafayette Avenue Quarterly Conference, Detroit District; Chas. C. Lee, duly recommended by Ypsilanti Quarterly Conference, Ann Arbor District; Eugene Haanell, duly recommended by Adrian Quarterly Conference, Adrian District; Horace Palmer, duly recommended by Addison Quarterly Conference, Adrian District; John L. Walker, duly recommended by Dansville Quarterly Conference, Port Huron District, were received on trial.

Thomas G. Omans, an Elder in the Methodist Protestant Church, was admitted.

A supernumerary relation, without appointment, was given, at his own request, to J. R. Noble.

The missionary treasurer was by vote instructed to pay \$100 to the committee on publication of the minutes, to defray expenses of publishing missionary matter in the minutes.

Bishop Clark presented the following certificate of ordination:

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION.

The following named persons, to wit: Charles T. Allen, John Maywood, Edward Barry, John F. McIntosh, Joel B. Goss, Marion J. Scott, Alonzo Whitecomb, Washington Van Ranseler Richards, Andrew Ebling, Samuel P. Gurney, George Deacon, Francis J. Galbraith, Lewis P. Davis, were by me ordained *Deacons*; and David O. Ball, Chas. Simpson, Sam'l J. Brown, Jas. E. Withey, Joseph Frazer, Leemon Barnes, William P. Maywood, Frederick E. York, Pinckney L. Turner, A. W. Wilson and Samuel Kitzmiller, were by me ordained *Elders*, in the M. E. Church in Fenton, Mich., August 28th, 1870.

(Signed)

D. W. CLARK.

FENTON, August 29, 1870.

The following appointments were made by Bishop Clark:

To Examine Candidates for Admission on Trial—J. M. Gordon, John Armstrong, E. E. Caster.

First Year—T. J. Joslin, W. C. Way, O. Sanborn.

Second Year—T. C. Gardner, Wm. Q. Burnett, W. Hagadorn.

Third Year—John Kelley, A. J. Bigelow, H. N. Brown.

Fourth Year—W. E. Bigelow, O. J. Perrin, J. S. Smart.

To Examine Local Preachers for Deacons' Orders—G. W. Lowe, J. Horton, R. S. Pardington.

To Examine Local Preachers for Local Elders' Orders—W. H. Benton, John W. Crippin, J. W. Scott.

To Preach the Annual Missionary Sermon—L. R. Fisk; alternate, H. O. Parker.

The Second Question was called up, and W. Edson Dunning, Henry H. Smith and Alvah B. Wood, whose characters had already passed, were continued on trial.

It was moved that the vote by which the law points submitted by J. S. Smart were entertained, be rescinded. A motion to lay the last motion on the table prevailed.

A motion was made to receive appointments this evening, and to meet in the morning at 8½ o'clock to receive the decision of the President on the law points submitted by J. S. Smart.

A motion to lay this last motion on the table was lost, and the original motion prevailed.

By a rising vote thanks were given to Isaac N. Elwood, pastor at Fenton, for his attention to members of the Conference during the session.

Thanks were also voted to reporters of Detroit daily papers for their reports of proceedings.

Bishop Clark made appropriate remarks to the Conference concerning the principles and difficulties associated with making assignment of itinerants to their labors, and then read the appointments for 1870–1871.

The journal was read and approved, the Conference adjourned and was dismissed with the benediction by S. Reed.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY, August 30, 1870.

The Conference met at 8½ o'clock A. M., Bishop Clark in the chair. E. O. Haven conducted opening worship.

Bishop Clark then read his decision upon the law points submitted on the third day, August 26. This decision is printed in connection with the points then submitted. (See abstract of that day's proceedings.)

The following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be tendered to Hon. D. G. Colwell for the use of his hall, to the Common Council of this village for the use of their council room, and to the Trustees of the Baptist church for the use of their audience room, during the sessions of this Conference.

J. N. ELWOOD,
A. EDWARDS.

Rev. S. Reed led in prayer. The Conference with much feeling sang

“Nearer, my God, to Thee,”

Bishop Clark pronounced the benediction, and the fifteenth session of the Conference adjourned *sine die*.

INTRODUCTIONS DURING THE SESSION.

All Lay Delegates present.

Rev. L. Hitchcock, D. D., senior Agent of the Western Methodist Book Concern.

Rev. W. M. Ball, Michigan Conference.

Rev. J. M. Fuller, Michigan Conference.

Rev. D. F. Barnes, Michigan Conference.

Rev. E. E. Pearman, North Indiana Conference.

Rev. A. J. Kynett, D. D., Corresponding Secretary of the Church Extension Society.

Rev. —— Campbell, Congregationalist, Vernon, Mich.

Rev. P. D. Day, Newark Conference.

Rev. M. A. Daugherty, Michigan Conference.

Rev. Mr. Olney, pastor Baptist church, Fenton.

PUBLIC OCCASIONS DURING THE SESSION.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23.

Evening—Anniversary of Superannuated Preachers' Aid Society.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24.

P. M.—

Evening—Sermon by Rev. J. C. WORTLEY.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25.

P. M.—

Evening—Sermon by Rev. THOMAS WILKINSON.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26.

P. M.—Sermon by Rev. NELSON GREEN.

Evening—Church Extension Anniversary.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.

P. M.—

Evening—Missionary Anniversary.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28.

9 A. M.—Love Feast.

10½ A. M.—Sermon by Bishop CLARK, and ordination of Deacons.

3 P. M.—Sermon by Dr. E. O. HAVEN, and ordination of Elders.

Evening—Sermon by Rev. T. H. JACOKES.

There were sermons in nearly all churches in Fenton by members of the Conference, on Sunday.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *Who are admitted on Trial?*

ANSWER. James H. Kilpatrick, Charles F. Robinson, Charles C. Lee, Eugene Haanell, Horace Palmer, John L. Walker—6.

By Transfer—Leander W. Pilcher, Delaware Conference—1. Total, 7.

QUESTION 2. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER—David Casler, John Hamilton, Philip Wright, John G. Sparling, Samuel B. Kimmell, James A. Dunlap, Edward Steer, James Riley, W. Edson Dunning, Henry H. Smith, Alvah B. Wood—11.

QUESTION 3. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER. Charles T. Allen, John Maywood, Edward Barry, John T. McIntosh, Joel B. Goss, Marvin J. Scott, Alonzo Whitecomb—7.

By Transfer—Wm. W. Washburne, Minnesota Conference; Andrew W. Wilson, Genesee Conference; George G. Lyon, Genesee Conference; W. X. Ninde, Cincinnati Conference; George R. Davis, Delaware Conference—5.

By Certificate of Location—Ransom R. Richards, Detroit Conference; E. E. Pearman, North Indiana Conference—2. Total, 14.

QUESTION 4. *Who are the Deacons?*

ANSWER. *First Class, Ordained in 1870*—Charles T. Allen, John Maywood, Edward Barry, John T. McIntosh, Joel B. Goss, Marvin J. Scott, Alonzo Whitcomb—7.

Second Class, ordained in 1869—Isaac N. Elwood, Lewis J. Whitcomb, A. W. Harding, L. L. Houghton, James Balls, W. W. Washburne—6.

QUESTION 5. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders?*

ANSWER. David O. Ball, Charles Simpson, Samuel J. Brown, James E. Withey, Joseph Frazer, Leemon Barnes, Wm. P. Maywood, Frederick E. York, Pinckney L. Turner, Andrew W. Wilson, Samuel Kitzmiller—11.

QUESTION 6. *Who have located this year?*

ANSWER. George I. Betts, Aaron R. Laing—2.

QUESTION 7. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?*

ANSWER. Stephen L. Ramsdall, Peter O. Johnson, John Russell, Theron C. Higgins, J. LaGrange McKown, James R. Noble—6.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the superannuated preachers?*

ANSWER. Addison C. Shaw, Marcellus B. Wilsie, Jacob E. Parker, Lyman H. Dean, Robert Triggs, Andrew Bell, John Gray, Elias B. Prindle, John Pugh, Flavel Brittain, Jacob Dobbins, Samuel Bibbins, Ira W. Donelson, D. Burnham Tracy, Ebenezer Steele, George Wilson, Sylvester Calkins, Erastus R. Hascall, Rufus C. Crane, George Taylor, Lewis Mitchell, Solomon S. Littlefield, David A. Curtis, Thomas Seeley, Wm. Mahon—25.

QUESTION 9. *Who have been expelled from the connection this year?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 10. *Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 11. *Are the Preachers blameless in life and conversation?*

ANSWER. Their names were all called in open Conference, and their characters examined and passed.

QUESTION 12. *Who have died this year?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 13. *What is the number of Church Members?*

ANSWER.	Members in 1870.....	19,501
	Probationers in 1870.....	3,039

	Total.....	22,540
	Increase for year.....	1,327

For details see Statistical Tables.

QUESTION 14. *What amounts are necessary for superannuated Preachers and the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up the deficiencies of those who have not obtained their regular allowance on the circuits?*

ANSWER.	For Superannuated Preachers, widows and orphans, \$3,350 00
To make up deficiencies	7,440 00
Total	\$10,790 00

QUESTION 15. *What has been collected for the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER.	From the several charges	\$1,217 19
Public collections at Conference	22 74	
Chartered fund	30 00	
Other sources	13 54	
Total	\$1,269 93	

The abstract of journal for the evening session, Monday, August 29th, shows how this sum was applied, and to whom the packages of money were delivered.

QUESTION 16. *Where are the preachers stationed this year?*

ANSWER.

APPOINTMENTS FOR 1870-71.

DETROIT DISTRICT—F. A. BLADES, P. E.

DETROIT:	Belleville—J. G. Morgan.
Central Church—W. X. Ninde.	Birmingham—R. Bird.
Lafayette Ave.—J. McEldowney.	Warren and Royal Oak—C. Simpson.
Simpson Church—T. J. Joslin.	Farmington—R. S. Pardington.
Jefferson Avenue—E. E. Caster.	Northville—L. Lee.
Trenton—J. Frazer.	Commerce—S. W. Noyes.
Wyandotte—W. J. Campbell.	Southfield—A. W. Wilson.
Flat Rock—J. Kilpatrick.	Pontiac—W. H. Shier.
Wayne—J. A. McIlwain.	New Boston—James Kilpatrick.
Dearborn—J. S. Sutton.	Walled Lake—Thomas Nichols.
Lee Chapel—A. Allen.	Denton and Sheldon—S. Kitzmiller.
Plymouth—W. H. Benton.	

J. M. Arnold, Sunday School Agent and member of Simpson Church Quarterly Conference.

Arthur Edwards, Associate Editor of *Northwestern Christian Advocate* of Chicago, and member of Central Church Quarterly Conference, Detroit.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT—S. CLEMENTS, P. E.

Ann Arbor—L. R. Fisk.	Henrietta—J. H. Curnalia.
Dixboro—J. R. Cordon.	Unadilla—A. B. Clough.
Ypsilanti—T. Stalker.	Pinckney—J. W. Scott.

Augusta—W. M. Triggs.
 Oakville—E. Bibbins.
 Saline—G. W. Lowe.
 Dexter—R. H. Crane.
 Chelsea—David Casler.
 Franciscoville and Leoni—D. O. Ball.
 Grass Lake—A. J. Bigelow.
 E. O. Haven, President Northwestern University and member of Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference.
 B. F. Cocker, Professor in Michigan University and member of Ann Arbor Quarterly Conference.

ADRIAN DISTRICT—D. C. JACOKES, P. E.

Adrian—J. H. McCarty.
 Tecumseh—O. Whitmore.
 Clinton and Macon—S. Bessey.
 Manchester—W. W. Washburne.
 Napoleon—F. W. Warren.
 Franklin—J. H. McClure.
 Addison—C. T. Allen.
 Hudson—W. E. Bigelow.
 Medina—L. C. York.
 Morenci—O. J. Perrin.
 Fairfield—A. R. Hazen.
 Blissfield—Wm. Taylor.
 J. C. Wortley, transferred to Michigan Conference.
 S. W. LaDu, transferred to the West Wisconsin Conference.
 Eugene Haanel, Professor in Albion College and member of Adrian Quarterly Conference.

OWOSO DISTRICT—Wm. Fox, P. E.

Owosso—J. S. Joslin.
 Corunna—A. J. Richards.
 Linden—O. Sanborn.
 Laingsburg—N. W. Pierce.
 Perry—J. H. Caster.
 Byron—T. G. Omans & T. Wilkinson, supply.
 Oak Grove—A. Gee.
 Fenton—H. O. Parker.
 Hartland—R. C. Lanning.
 Highland—J. Balls.
 Howell—J. F. Davidson.
 Fowlerville—E. H. Brockway.
 Leander W. Pilcher, missionary to Peking, China.

Dansville—S. P. Warner.
 Williamston—J. B. Varnum.
 Vernon—D. W. Hammond.
 Chesaning—H. W. Hicks.
 St. Charles—W. E. Dunning.
 Holly—E. H. Pilcher.
 Davisburg—S. Bird.
 New Haven—Supplied by D. B. Miller.
 Bennington—J. Maywood.
 Mungerville—To be supplied.
 Groveland—Supplied by Wm. Buxton.
 Brant—Supplied by J. Gurnee.

FLINT DISTRICT—M. HICKEY, P. E.

FLINT—	
Court Street—T. C. Gardner.	Bay City—J. H. Burnham.
Garland Street—W. Q. Burnett.	Wenona—J. Horton.
Swartz Creek—C. Mosher.	Vassar—W. Hagadorne.
Flushing—J. Kelly.	Watrousville—J. B. Russell.
Hazelton—J. B. Goss.	Caro—Supplied by John Whiteside.
Thetford and Kearsley—T. Wakelin.	Cass City—J. E. Withey.
Mt. Morris and Clio—Jno. Hamilton.	Unionville—Supplied by S. P. Gurney.
Tuscola and Millington—I. H. Cam- burn.	Pt. Austin and Caseville—E. Klumph.
Grand Blanc—H. N. Brown.	Dayton and Newberry—A. Whitcomb.
Saginaw City—I. N. Elwood.	Mayville and Piersonville—G. Stowe.
East Saginaw—Supplied by J. M. Fuller.	Forest—L. S. Tedman.
South Saginaw—S. B. Kimmell.	Bangor and Dolsonville—E. Wigle.
Portsmouth—L. Barnes.	Swan Creek and Kawkawlin—Sup- plied by A. Wood.
Midland—L. L. Houghton.	Pesaganing—Supplied by D. Hall.
Tittabawassee—E. Steer.	Averils and Sixteen—J. Riley.
	Pine River and Rifle River—To be supplied.

ROMEO DISTRICT—S. REED, P. E.

Romeo—J. S. Smart.	Dryden—S. J. Brown.
Mt. Clemens—B. S. Taylor.	Armada—S. E. Warren.
Utica—J. W. Crippin.	Chesterfield—Wm. Birdsall.
Washington—P. L. Turner.	Hadley—G. W. Owen.
Orion—R. Gage.	Goodrich—B. H. Hedger.
Rochester—I. Johnston.	Clarkston—J. O. Bancroft.
Oxford—N. Green.	Attica—Supplied by Geo. Deacon.
Brandon—John Wesley.	Troy—Supplied by T. H. Baskerville.
Lapeer—J. Armstrong.	Bald Mountain—Supplied by R. D. Scott.
North Branch—A. S. Fair.	
Almont—J. T. Hankinson.	

PORT HURON DISTRICT—T. G. POTTER, P. E.

Port Huron—A. F. Bourns.	Port Sanilac—G. M. Lyon.
Gratiot—E. Barry.	Forester—H. Hood.
Maysville—A. W. Harding.	Sand Beach—H. H. Smith.
St. Clair—A. R. Bartlett.	Port Hope—J. H. McIntosh.
Marine City—C. C. Lee.	Tawas—Philip Wright.
Algonac—C. M. Anderson.	Austin—J. A. Dunlap.
Memphis—Wm. Donelly.	Au Sable—W. P. Maywood.
Columbus—J. L. Walker.	Harrisville—A. Shepherd.

Brockway—J. W. Holt.	Alpena—F. W. May.
Ruby—R. McConnell.	Belle River—Supplied by William
Lakeport—C. F. Robinson.	Allington.
Lexington—J. G. Whitcomb.	Marion—Supply.
Davisville—H. Palmer.	Verona Mills—Supplied by J. Pugh.
G. R. Davis, missionary to Peking, China.	

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT—R. R. RICHARDS, P. E.

Iroquois Point and Keweenaw—	Calumet—E. W. Frazee.
Peter Marksman.	Phenix and Central Mine—C. L.
Marquette—R. R. Richards.	Church.
Negaunee—F. E. York.	Escanaba—To be supplied.
Ishpenning—C. C. Yemans.	Rockland and Maple Grove—Supplied
Houghton and Hancock—C. W. Aus- tin.	by J. Pierson.

QUESTION 17. *Where and when shall our next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. Monroe; time not given.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

[A.]

ALBION COLLEGE.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

The Committee on Albion College has had under examination the report of the President and Secretary of the Board of Trustees, the Annual Catalogue, the report of the Endowment Trustee of the College, and other documents pertaining to the institution.

The past collegiate year has been, in many particulars, one of general interest and progress. 217 students were in attendance, 58 of whom were in College classes, viz: Seniors 14, Juniors 14, Sophomores 19, Freshmen 11. Of the whole number, about one half were ladies.

Your committee think that vigorous action on the part of the friends of the College would largely increase the attendance of its students, and in a short time would give to it such an influence and power as that the Preparatory Department would be dispensed with, and the institution raised to its true grade, with well filled classes regularly matriculated from the Union Schools of this and other States. This would relieve the Faculty from the onerous burdens now borne in a department which gives to the College neither strength nor reputation, possessing, as it does, full collegiate powers, and demanding from its Faculty the outlay of their energy and vigor upon the multiplied and constantly increasing claims of its under graduates. This is the only Methodist College of the State, and with the Detroit and Michigan Conferences, as patronizing bodies, ought to be placed in a financial condition equal to any other in the land. The educational interests of Methodism demand this from its large and wealthy membership, and it is hoped that the time is not far distant when it shall be fully realized.

The Treasurer reports receipts and disbursements as follows, viz:

RECEIPTS.

From Michigan Conference Centenary Fund.....	\$1,203 50
Endowment Fund Committee, per John Owen.....	2,293 36
Albion Board of Control	1,691 66
College income.....	1,657 12
Detroit Conference Centenary Fund.....	334 26

From Detroit Conference, on current expenses-----	\$387 73
Michigan Conference -----	121 68
Collections of old notes, interest and sub -----	1,194 62
Debt and Improvement Fund-----	2,550 00
Total-----	\$11,383 93

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid on salaries-----	\$7,412 66
wood and janitor's services -----	292 90
incidentals-----	724 56
repairs and improvements-----	1,172 11
interest account-----	157 99
insurance-----	350 00
traveling expense of Agent-----	99 89
Brought forward from last year -----	909 87
Balance in treasury-----	263 95
	\$11,383 93

This exhibit does not include receipts and expenditures from a certain subscription of \$20,000 reported at the last Annual Conference, and raised for the payment of indebtedness and the improvement of the College buildings and grounds. A part of this subscription has been collected and appropriated to the objects for which it was raised. The Trustees, believing that the interests of the College demanded the immediate completion of improvements referred to under date of March 16, 1870, authorized a loan of \$10,000 for five years, with semi-annual interest at 10 per cent per annum, hoping that the future receipts from the \$20,000 subscription would meet such loan.

Rev. M. A. Daugherty, Financial Agent, has under his charge the work of improvement, and your committee are assured that when completed the College will be possessed of facilities greatly extending its advantages. Its dormitories for young ladies, fitted up in a comfortable and attractive style, will supply a long existing want. A new and spacious chapel, library hall, museum, and well fitted recitation and lecture rooms, will afford such facilities in these several departments as have been heretofore greatly needed; and the friends of the College anticipate an increasing interest in its behalf fully justifying the outlay, which they believe is being made prudently and economically.

The Conference will remember that at its last session the Presiding Elders were appointed a committee to apportion to their different charges such amounts as would realize, in the aggregate, \$2,000, to be raised by the Preachers without the aid of a special College agent, and to be appropriated to meet a deficit in the estimated current receipts for the year. Of this amount the Treasurer reports the following sums, viz: From Wenona charge,

\$10.00; Portsmouth, \$10.00; Bay City, \$17.00; Adrian, \$33.98; Pontiac, \$20.00; Ruby, \$11.00; Central Church, Detroit, \$170.00; South Saginaw, \$10.00; Tecumseh, \$7.75; Ann Arbor, \$33.00; Flat Rock, \$5.00; Hudson, \$10.00. Total, \$337.73. In addition to this, there has been received and paid over to the Financial Agent, during the present session, the following sums, viz: Detroit District—New Boston, \$4.00; Lafayette Street Church, \$10.00; Simpson Church, \$10.00. Ann Arbor District—Hcnrietta, \$6.15; Unadilla, \$8.00; Chelsea, \$1.70; Ypsilanti, \$14.00; Franciscoville, \$2.10; Ridgeway, \$3 20; Lima and North Lake, \$4.01. Adrian District—Clayton, \$6.00; Palmyra, \$2.06. Romeo District—Washington, \$3.00. Owosso District—Fowlerville, \$1.00; Bennington, \$2.50; Vernon, \$2.00; Highland, \$6.70; Perry, \$1.00; Danville, \$6.00; Byron, \$10.00. Flint District—Court Street, \$25.00; Bay City, \$4.00; Flushing, \$3.00; Swartz, \$1.20. Port Huron District—Algonac, \$5.00; Maryville, \$3.00; Port Sanilac, \$5.50; Richmond, \$3.00; Port Huron, \$6.45; Flat Rock, \$5.00. Romeo District, \$5.10; place unknown, \$3.15. Total, \$170.31. Grand total, \$508.04. Showing a deficit from this source of \$1,491.96.

If the deficit of the Michigan Conference, which made a like apportionment of \$2,000, shall be as great as our own, it must seriously embarrass the Trustees in the payment of the current expenses.

In regard to the future, the report of the President and Secretary of the Board contains the following:

"The sources of revenue to the College are:

"1st. The interest accruing from the Endowment Fund.

"2d. The interest accruing from the Centenary Fund of the Detroit and Michigan Conferences.

"3d. The interest accruing from the Twenty-five Thousand Dollar Fund, held by the Albion Board of Control.

"4th. The income of the College from incidental fees, room rent, and dining hall.

"5th. There are some old notes and subscriptions still due and unpaid, from which something may be realized, but very little, we think, upon to which to rely for future help.

"After the most careful examination that we can make, estimating the current expenses with such liabilities as must necessarily be incurred, it will not fall below eleven thousand dollars, and from the resources in hand, with a good state of prosperity of the institution, we cannot safely rely upon a revenue of over eight thousand dollars, leaving a deficiency in the current expenses of the year of three thousand dollars to be provided for. We submit these statements for your consideration, and believe that you will take such action as your wisdom may direct, in meeting that portion of the deficiency that properly belongs to your Conference."

Your committee presents the foregoing, leaving it without comment for the Conference to direct in the premises, whether in recommending to the Trustees the employment of a financial agent to visit its churches, or to re-enact the method of last year, in the apportionment of given amounts to its charges.

David Preston, Esq., Detroit Conference Trustee, reports as follows:

Balance on hand September 7, 1869	\$0 22
Collection on notes and interest since the above date	2,027 49
Total	\$2,027 71
Paid John Owen, Endowment Agent, April 23	1,250 00
" " August 24	374 40
Remitted interest to Albion	334 26
Paid R. Bird interest on mortgage	50 00
Wm. Graham for printing	17 00
For envelopes	1 55
Total	\$2,027 71

Mr. Preston adds:

"On the 14th of June last I reported to the Trustees, Albion College notes under my control (most of them past due) of \$6,353.50. Since that date \$143.00 of this amount has been paid, leaving in notes say \$6,210.50; \$1,200 or \$1,500 of this amount are probably worthless. I have used my best endeavors during the past year, and spent a good deal of time in trying to collect and consolidate these scattered assets of the College. We have made some progress in this direction, and during the coming year I hope to be able to collect the greater portion of the notes now in my hands."

We recommend to the Conference to lend its influence in the collection of the Endowment Fund notes. The receipts from this source are invested as soon as obtained, without expense to the College, but while scattered over the State, as much of this Fund still is, the collection of the interest accruing costs nearly as much as the amount collected.

This institution so long cared for and sustained by our Conferences, and from whose halls so many in our ministry and membership have gone forth stronger in both intellect and heart, and cultured for life's duties, still looks wishfully and earnestly to the Detroit Conference for aid in its finances. The arduous struggles of the past, and the successes attending them, inspire earnest hope for the future. Light has already dawned upon this field of labor and toil, and we confidently hope for a time not far distant when the pressing burdens which have long rested upon this cherished and widely loved College shall be wholly removed, and the clearer light of its meridian shine upon it.

The terms of office of Trustees Rev. B. F. Cocker and David Preston expire at this time, and by the provisions of the charter their successors are to be elected by this Conference. Your committee are advised that Rev. Bro. Cocker, who has heretofore rendered valuable aid to the Board in its deliberations, in view of his multiplied duties in other directions, imperatively declines a re-election, and would nominate as suitable parties to fill the vacancies Rev. ——, in place of Rev. B. F. Cocker, and the re-election of David Preston, Esq., whose distinguished services to the Trustees and the College endear him to all its friends and patrons.

President McKown and Profs. McEldowney and Shelly have retired from the Faculty, and the following constitute the Board of instruction for the ensuing year:

Wm. B. Silber, Ph. D., President and Professor of Mental and Moral Science.

Eugene Haanel, A. M., Professor of Natural Science.

Miss Rachel Carney, M. S., Preceptress and Professor of Modern Languages.

F. A. Blackburn, A. B., Professor of Ancient Languages.

Miss Emma J. Fitch, M. E. L., Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental Music.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Prof. Shelly, tendered on the 18th inst., has not yet been filled.

At the last session of the Conference an association was formed, known as "Albion College Library and Museum Society," the first anniversary of which has been held during the present session. Your committee desires that the Secretary of the Association shall report to your body, and that you admit such report as an expression on the facts therein contained.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN McELDOWNEY.

[B.]

ALBION COLLEGE LIBRARY AND MUSEUM SOCIETY.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

The annual meeting of this society was held in Conference room August 26, and was called to order by the President, Rev. S. Reed. At the request of the President, the Secretary, Rev. J. C. Wortley, read the minutes of the last meeting. The Secretary, having had no correspondence with the chairmen of committees of different departments, had no report of what had been done during the year. Prof. Haanel, of the College, being present, was invited to inform the society of the contributions and the arrangements made for their proper care and distribution. The Professor stated that the Board of Trustees had made suitable provisions for the museum on the lower floor of the north building, by furnishing cases, constructed after the most approved pattern, with ample room for eight or ten thousand specimens. The first installment of about nine hundred specimens—a donation of Prof. Winchell—has been received. These have been labeled, mounted upon neat cards, and placed upon the shelves in proper order. The collection of Rev. J. H. Burnham has been nearly classified and the greater part placed in the

cases. These, together with specimens contributed by Rev. E. H. Day, will be mounted and labeled during the next term. Since these cases have been provided by the Board, a great reformation has taken place in this department. All specimens now presented to Albion College are no longer permitted to remain unclassified or run to waste, but are at once treated with proper care. Persons making contributions to the Museum are particularly requested to state the place where the specimens are found. Mineral specimens without this information are almost valueless. Specimens, zoological and botanical, are especially desired for the Museum.

Rev. J. H. Burnham, Treasurer of the society, and chairman of the Committee on Conchology, reported several fine specimens in his possession, from Nevada and the Pacific coast, ready for presentation to the Museum.

Rev. L. C. York, chairman of Committee on Entomology, reported a goodly number of these very fragile things collected and prepared for the Museum. Bro. York has in his possession a portion of a deer's horn found encased in the limb of a tree, forty feet above ground, and in good preservation, and also some valuable specimens of minerals from the State of New York and Germany, and will be glad to have them in the College.

Rev. Dr. Pilcher, chairman of Committee on Botany, not being present at the meeting, was reported as having collected several specimens in this department, and intends placing them in the Museum.

Rev. W. Benson stated that remains of a mastodon had been found near Clayton, for further examination of which Rev. L. C. York and Rev. W. Benson were appointed a committee.

Reports of collections in the departments of colioptera and ornithology were made by Revs. C. C. Yemans and W. W. Washburne, for the proper preparation and disposition of which the skill of an excellent taxidermist of Albion is at the service of the society.

Bro. Frazer has presented seventy-five volumes of the *Methodist Magazine* —valuable.

The officers and chairmen of committees on different departments were re-elected, with the following exceptions and changes: Prof. Eugene Haanel was elected in place of Rev. J. LeGrange McKown, D. D., and Rev. C. C. Yemans in place of Dr. Jocelyn removed from the Conference. The names of chairmen of committees were ordered to be published, with titles belonging to them. The Secretary was ordered to make a report of the proceedings of the society to the Conference, and ask that the report be inserted in the published minutes. On motion, the society adjourned.

J. C. WORTLEY, *Secretary.*

[C.]

ON THE FREEDMEN.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

Your committee present as their report the following resolutions, viz:

1. *Resolved*, That, in our opinion, the four millions of freedmen who were so suddenly thrown upon their own resources were incapable of wholly providing for themselves the means of education, religious culture, and even the common wants of the body, and must, therefore, have help.

2. *Resolved*, That the organization of the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, in 1866, was the dictate of wisdom, and has our cordial approval.

3. *Resolved*, That we greatly rejoice in the success of Christian labor in preaching the Gospel to the freedmen, and in the establishment of schools of learning, and for the manifest improvements that are being made through these agencies.

4. *Resolved*, That as a Conference we will give to the Freedmen's Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church our hearty co-operation.

RECEIPTS.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

Lee Chapel	-----	\$4 00	
	-----		\$4 00

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

Oakville	-----	\$3 73	
Dixboro	-----	1 00	
	-----		4 73

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

Blissfield	-----	\$10 00	
Fairfield	-----	1 00	
	-----		11 00

OWOSO DISTRICT.

Fowlerville	-----	\$1 00	
	-----		1 00

ROMEO DISTRICT.

Armada	-----	\$5 00	
Washington	-----	6 00	
	-----		11 00

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

Lexington	-----	\$5 00	
Memphis	-----	4 50	
Algonac	-----	2 75	
	-----		12 25

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

Calumet	-----	\$5 00	
	-----		5 00
Total	-----		\$48 98

AMOUNTS FORWARDED TO AGENTS.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

Central Church	\$250 00	
		250 00

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

Ann Arbor	\$52 50	
Ypsilanti	51 75	
Chelsea	11 50	
		115 75

OWOSO DISTRICT.

Holly	\$16 40	
Fenton	14 00	
		30 40

FLINT DISTRICT.

Saginaw City	\$8 00	
East Saginaw	30 00	
		38 00

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

Port Huron	\$18 00	
Lexington	5 00	
St. Clair	4 20	
Algonac	8 00	
Memphis	10 50	
Forrester	\$11 93	
		57 63
Total		\$491 78

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. F. DAVIDSON, *Chairman.*

[D.]

ON PARSONAGES.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

Resolved, That, in the judgment of this Conference, commodious and comfortable parsonages, thoroughly furnished, and occupied by efficient ministers with well regulated families, are extremely desirable in all our charges.

J. S. SMART, *Chairman.*

[E.]

ON EDUCATION.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

Your committee begs leave to submit the following report on education: The founders of the American Republic wisely foresaw the necessity of popular education to the existence of republican institutions, and accordingly built the college by the side of the church, thus making intelligence and morality the basis of our social and civil institutions. By the wisest legislation throughout almost our entire country—through the medium of the free school system—we have placed within the reach of every one an education equal to all the demands of ordinary life, and these schools are so graded that the pupil may pass regularly from the primary school, where the simplest rudiments are taught, through the more advanced course in the Union school, to all that is implied in the word college or university.

The free school system is very dear to the American people, for however despotic countries under the control of Popery may thrive best where the minds of the people are chained in ignorance, in a republic, where self-government is held as a patriotic and religious duty, and suffrage quite universal, popular ignorance would be ruinous. Intelligence and virtue are the safeguards of the republic. The attack made upon our system of public instruction by those who are, of all men, the most bigoted sectarians—the Jesuits—emissaries of a man who claims to be infallible—is to be received as not only a blow at the whole system of free popular education, but equally a design upon the nation's life—a set purpose to impede the civilization of the nineteenth century. The plea that the retention of the Bible in the schools violates their consciences is to be regarded as a mere pretext, for were it withdrawn from the schools, by the open confession of Catholic authorities, the war would not cease until the whole fabric topples to the ground. They love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil. As Methodists we have to say, we cannot yield. Education is a necessity to our national existence, and should we ever allow the overthrow of that system of popular education which has been so prolific of good, we shall give ample evidence to the world that the sons have less real patriotism than the fathers. No, we will foster and perpetuate the free school system as it is, and make it more perfect if we can, withdrawing the Bible reverently only when it becomes necessary to save the free school system—never until then.

The founders of our church have not been behind those of the State; for no sooner did we begin the work of educating the heart in religious truth, than we began to lay the foundations for intellectual culture. The Metho-

dist Episcopal Church grew into vast numerical strength with unprecedented rapidity. Societies were multiplied, and all the machinery set in motion; but to collect funds by the voluntary subscriptions of the people and build colleges, was a work of slower growth. Yet it was not neglected, for, at the end of a single century in our denominational history, we had over one hundred seminaries of learning, ranking from the academy to the university, in which were gathered annually not less than twenty-five thousand students of both sexes.

Methodism, we are proud to record, does not seek to build itself up simply as a great organic body numerically strong and wealthy. Methodism means all that is good. It aims at making the whole world better in every sense. It is the symbol of patriotism, religion and education. The many institutions of American Methodism are the monuments of those who have wisely founded them, and of the liberality of those who have contributed of their means to their establishment. It is one of the auspicious signs of the times that our colleges, in many sections, are constantly receiving large donations in money from those whom God hath prospered, and are consequently being placed beyond the possibility of failure. To the whole church this is a sign of promise. From these halls of learning will go forth educated men and women, to bless the church and the world with labor seasoned with refined culture. The church everywhere—not only in large cities, but in small villages—is asking for cultivated preachers. The people have come to understand that learning is not inconsistent with the most ardent piety. Our laymen are coming to our Conferences seeking out these men for their pulpits, and it shows their wisdom. Now our churches here have plainly a work to do. We say to all, help us make the colleges what they should be and you will reap an abundant reward in your pulpits and in your society. Our denominational institutions must ever be regarded as part of our great church organizations. In them, as a rule, the teachers are professors of religion; religious services are regularly held; revivals of religion are frequent; so that when our children enter them we are not in dread of the “evil communications” which “corrupt good manners,” but we feel that they are under the care of those who watch over them with a Godly jealousy.

Of Albion College we have to say that it has, notwithstanding peculiar embarrassments during the past year, accomplished a good work, and bids fair for the future. The church is under lasting obligations to Rev. John McEldowney, D. D., in a very special sense, who, as acting President, served the College so faithfully during the last term of the college year.

Of Garrett Biblical Institute, at Evanston, Ill., we have the most favorable reports from the trustees and faculty. Since March 1, 1870, one hundred and twenty-seven students have been in attendance, being an increase of fifteen over last year. The institution is in a healthy financial

condition, and has large claims upon all young men seeking more thorough preparation for the ministry.

The Northwestern University, under the Presidency of Rev. E. O. Haven, D.D., LL. D., is also enjoying a high degree of prosperity.

We offer the following:

Resolved, That we will not cease our efforts in behalf of Albion College until it shall be sufficiently endowed to insure its entire success as a first class literary institution, and that Rev. J. H. Burnham and Rev. Dr. Luther Lee be appointed visitors for the ensuing year.

Resolved, That we urge upon our young men, as far as possible, to avail themselves of the advantages offered at the Biblical Institute, that they may be the more thoroughly prepared for the great work of preaching the Gospel, and that Revs. E. E. Caster, W. H. Shier and T. J. Joslin be appointed visitors to represent this Conference.

Resolved, That we hear with great satisfaction of the increasing prosperity of the Northwestern University, at Evanston, Ill., and hope that it will soon have all the departments of a complete university in full and successful operation.

Resolved, That we recommend the appointment of Revs. J. H. McCarty and W. E. Bigelow as Trustees of the Northwestern University, and that they be instructed, also, to act as visitors to the University, and report to the Conference next year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. McCARTY, *Chairman*.

[F.]

MISSION AUDITORS.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

Your committee have compared the vouchers of the Presiding Elders with the appropriations, and have found the disbursements to be correct.

WM. E. BIGELOW, *Chairman*.

[G.]

ON LAY DELEGATION.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

Your committee beg leave to present the following as their report: The General Conference of 1860 expressed its willingness to admit lay delegates to the General Conference whenever the people should desire it, and the General Conference of 1864 concurred in that action.

The General Conference of 1868 also concurred in the same, and recommended the following plan to the Godly consideration of our ministers and people:

Change the Discipline, page 45, part 2, chapter 1, section 1, so that it shall read as follows:

“(2d.) Who shall compose the General Conference, and what are the regulations and powers belonging to it?”

(ANS. 1.) “The General Conference shall be composed of ministerial and lay delegates. The ministerial delegates shall consist of one member for every thirty members each of Annual Conference, to be appointed either by seniority or choice, at the discretion of such Annual Conference, yet so that each representative shall have traveled at least four full calendar years from the time that they were received on trial by an Annual Conference, and are in full connection at the time of holding Conference.

“The lay delegates shall consist of two laymen for each Annual Conference, except such Conferences as have but one ministerial delegate, which Conferences shall be entitled to one lay delegate each.

“The lay delegates shall be chosen by an electoral Conference of laymen, which shall assemble for the purpose on the third day of the session of the Annual Conference. The electoral Conference shall be composed of one layman from each circuit or station within the bounds of the Annual Conference, and on assembling, the electoral Conference shall organize by electing a chairman and secretary of their own number, such laymen to be chosen by the last Quarterly Conference preceding the time of its assembling; provided, that no layman shall be chosen a delegate either to the electoral Conference or to the General Conference who shall be under 25 years of age, or shall not have been a member of the church, in full connection, for the five consecutive years preceding the election.”

After Answer 3, as follows, page 46:

(ANS. 3.) “At all times when the General Conference is met it shall take two-thirds of the ministerial and lay delegates to form a quorum for the transaction of business. The ministerial and lay delegates shall sit and deliberate together as one body, but they shall vote separately when such separate vote shall be demanded by one-third of either order, and in such cases the concurrent vote of both orders shall be necessary to complete action.”

They also adopted the following:

Resolved, 2. That during the month of June, 1869, on any day except the Sabbath, the time to be determined by the pastor and two laymen appointed by the Quarterly Conference, as hereafter provided, there shall be held a general election in the several places of worship of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at which all members in full connection and not less than 21 years of age, shall be invited to vote by ballot for lay delegation or against lay delegation.

They have also directed the Bishops presiding at the several Annual Conferences, at their first session after the above elections, to submit such amendments to the second restriction rule as to make it read:

"They shall not allow of more than one ministerial representative for every fourteen members of the Annual Conference, nor allow of a less number than one for every forty-five, nor more than two lay delegates for an Annual Conference," and added the following resolution:

Resolved, That should a majority of votes by the people be in favor of lay delegation, and should three-fourths of all the members of the Annual Conferences present and voting thereupon, vote in favor of the above proposed change in the constitution of the Church, then the General Conference meeting in 1872, by the requisite two-thirds vote, can complete the change, and lay delegates previously elected may then be admitted.

The elections provided for having been duly held, and the necessary majorities, both of laymen and ministers, having been cast in favor of the measure, therefore

Resolved, 1st. That we recommend to the Quarterly Conference of each of our charges to elect a lay delegate to the electoral Conference to be held on the third day of the next session of the Detroit Annual Conference, for the purpose of choosing two lay delegates to the next General Conference, as provided for in the above action.

Resolved, 2d. That we recommend to the next General Conference to ratify the action of the Annual Conferences upon the subject, and admit the lay delegates elected to seats in that body.

Resolved, 3d. That we regard the vote of the Annual Conferences merely as sanctioning the proposed change in the restrictive rule, and not an approval of the plan recommended, except so far as relates to the first electoral Conference and the next General Conference.

Resolved, 4th. That, disapproving the plan of the last General Conference, we respectfully request that body, at its next session, in its wisdom to adopt some plan which shall be more simple and less objectionable.

W. E. BIGELOW, *Chairman.*

[H.]

SANCTITY OF THE SABBATH.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

The Committee on the Sanctity of the Sabbath would respectfully submit the following report: Among the first acts of Divine legislation for man was the setting apart and sanctifying a Sabbath. The work of creation was only just completed when, we are told, "God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it." Afterwards it was not only made one of the fundamental laws in the Jewish economy, but was embodied in the Decalogue as a provision of God's moral government; and when the Christian church took its rise, the binding obligation of its sacred observance was most distinctly recognized.

The observance of the Sabbath promotes the temporal good of the human family. It is essential to the highest degree of physical health. Not only does it not arrest industry, but it contributes to the success of business and the creation of capital. It is an important means for conserving intellectual power when the mind is taxed with thought or harassed by the cares of business. As a law of God, therefore, it does not contravene any of our temporal interests, but is in perfect accord with them all.

The sanctity of the Sabbath, however, grows out of its spiritual design under the force of Divine legislation. Its highest and special office is religious—to remind us of God's government of the world, to break the force of the seductive power of earthly influences, and to build up the spiritual life in our hearts. In our employments, and reading, and thoughts there should be nothing which is not adapted to a spiritual end. It should be regarded a holy day in the sense that nothing which is not fitted to promote holiness in man is worthy of a place within its sacred hours. It is not a holy day simply from the absence of worldly, debasing influences, but also from the active operation of that which allies us to God. While it is a day of rest, it was not intended to be a day of idleness, but of special religious progress. In view of this principle, we ask the question, Is the Sabbath kept as it ought to be by the church? Are church members generally, sufficiently conscientious in the observance of the Sabbath? Is it not true that one of the most important reforms now needed among those who profess a devotion to the cause of Christ is in the manner of spending the Lord's Day?

And we here enter our solemn protest against the effort which is being put forth to make the Sabbath a holiday—a day not for a spiritual end, not simply for relaxation from toil, but for amusement, and hence for dissipation and general demoralization. However important relaxation from toil may be; however healthful to both body and mind it may be to indulge in some measure of mirth; yet, to set apart fifty-two days in the year to be devoted wholly to amusement, would result in the weakening of all moral restraints, a rapid increase of crime, together with the removing of some of the strongest supports of a free government. Hence we look with alarm on the growing laxity in our land, in sentiment and practice, in regard to this day we are commanded to keep holy. And it is the duty of every minister of the Gospel to clearly and pointedly enforce the scriptural view of the Sabbath, and it is no less the duty of the churches unitedly to oppose the effort already inaugurated among us to make this day pander to the appetites and passions of men, or in any way degrade it from its high and sacred design. All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. R. FISK, *Chairman.*

[I.]

CONFERENCE MINISTERIAL EDUCATION SOCIETY.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

The committee appointed at the last session of the Detroit Conference to submit a plan of organization of a Conference Education Society, beg leave to present the following:

CONSTITUTION.

1. NAME.

This Association shall be called the Detroit Conference Ministerial Education Society.

2. OBJECT.

The object of the Association shall be to assist in defraying the personal expenses of such young men of our church needing aid as, living within the bounds of the Conference, and believing themselves moved by the Holy Ghost to preach the Gospel, shall pursue, in some institution under the patronage of the M. E. Church, or else at the University of Michigan, a course of study preparatory to the work of the ministry.

3. MEMBERSHIP.

All members of the Detroit Conference shall be members of this society.

4. FUNDS.

The funds shall be raised by annual collection in each one of the charges of the Conference, or from donations otherwise made to the Society.

5. APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS.

Persons making donations to the Society shall have the right of designating the channel in which such gifts shall be applied, so far as is consistent with the limitations hereinbefore mentioned.

6. PRINCIPLE OF AID.

The aid afforded young men shall, as a general rule, be in the form of loans, in sums not exceeding one hundred dollars per year to any individual, for which the following form of note shall be taken, with the indorsement hereinafter mentioned:

FORM OF NOTE.

On demand, for value received, I promise to pay to the Treasurer of the Ministerial Education Society of the Detroit Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the sum of dollars, with simple interest, at six per cent per annum, subject to the conditions indorsed hereon.

ENDORSEMENT.

I have given the within note for money borrowed as a means in part of securing an education, preparatory to becoming an itinerant minister or missionary of the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the following conditions:

1. That payment will not be demanded while I consistently pursue my studies, and make other appropriate efforts to obtain the object above stated.

2. That, in case of any change of purpose, or of any failure to become an itinerant minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church (unless it shall be through loss of health), I shall be both morally and legally held to make payment of said note, in full.

3. That, although at the option of the managers of the Society, this note **MAY** be regarded as legally canceled, on my reception into full membership of any annual confer-

ence of the Methodist Episcopal Church; nevertheless, I shall hold myself morally bound to refund to the Society (except in the case of Foreign mission service), the full amount, both of principal and interest, either by personal payment, or by donations that I may secure to the Society, in order that the funds may not be diminished, but rather increased, as a means of aiding other candidates "for the ministry, in coming years."

7. OFFICERS.

The officers of the Society shall be, President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, three of whom shall be laymen, who shall jointly constitute a Board of Managers. Such officers and Directors shall be elected annually by the Conference. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by one person.

8. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MANAGERS.

The President, and in his absence, the Vice-President, shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Managers.

The Secretary shall record the proceedings of the Board of Managers, and shall annually report to the Conference, the amount of funds raised, the amount of aid extended to the applicants for the same, and other facts proper to be presented.

The Board of Managers shall decide on all applications for aid, make appropriations, and transact such other business as may legitimately come before them.

The Treasurer shall collect donations and subscriptions, and pay out appropriations. With the treasurer shall the notes taken be deposited, and by him held until canceled.

9. ANNUAL MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers shall be held on the first Tuesday of October in each year.

In presenting to the Conference, for their adoption, a Constitution for a Ministerial Education Society, your committee feel profoundly impressed with the importance of this measure. The Church is demanding an educated ministry. The wants of this age cannot be met without an educated ministry. As a religious body, to perform our work with the greatest measure of success, our sanctified young men, going forth in their ministerial office, must have minds stored with knowledge, and intellectual powers cultured and disciplined. If any profession demands men of thought and scholarship, and wide and varied information, it is certainly the ministry.

But, a large proportion of the young men who intended to give themselves to the work of the ministry, are in straightened pecuniary circumstances. They must either enter the regular work with very limited scholastic and professional attainments, or, from the necessity of labor for present support, postpone the time when they will give their services to the Church; or, on the other hand, involve themselves in debt, through loans made for the prosecution of their studies, if such loans can be obtained. Does not the Church need their aid at the earliest possible moment? and can she afford to pursue a policy towards them which will prolong the time of their preparation? The reasonableness of the expectation, that the Church shall aid young men in their preparation for the ministry, is shown by the fact that, to the Church are they to give all their educated powers in

carrying forward its enterprises and its work. Whatever knowledge, or culture, or power, or efficiency they gain, is to be placed to the credit of the church, to be laid on its altar.

Considerations, not only of duty to such young men, but of obligations to God for the salvation of the world, demonstrate the importance of the provision which a ministerial education society is intended to supply.

It is deemed better that aid be furnished young men generally in the shape of loans, rather than as an unconditional gift, for the following reasons :

1. Many young men shrink from the thought of taking aid as a charity, and would sooner forego the preparation they desire and need; and their way seeming hedged up, some of them may turn from us.
2. By the loan plan, there is avoided the danger of lessening the feeling of responsibility and need of personal effort on the part of the recipient.
3. The money contributed by the church thus, goes farther, reaching a larger number of candidates for the ministry, and, for an indefinite time, keeps shedding its blessings on the church and the world.
4. Should the person aided fail to carry out the purpose for which the aid was rendered, the funds would not be lost, but would come back into the treasury to be employed in their legitimate channel.

It will be noticed that the following facts must exist in the case of every young man receiving aid from the Society :

1. He must be in actual need of the aid asked for, in order to pursue his studies preparatory to the ministry.
2. His home must be within the bounds of the Conference.
3. He must pursue his studies in one of our own institutions, either literary or theological, or else at the University of Michigan, which is within the bounds of the Conference.

We mention the University of Michigan as one of the places where such recipients may be allowed to pursue their studies for these reasons :

1. There is always quite a large number of young men in the University who are prosecuting their studies with reference to our itinerant ministry. Many of them are dependent on their own labor for the means to carry forward their studies, and it quite frequently happens that they are compelled to absent themselves from college for a year or two to earn money with which to complete their course.

2. When such candidates go out of the State to gain scholastic training, they are less likely to find their way into our Conference than though they had pursued their studies at home. The reasons are obvious.

But, if these young men, for any cause, choose an institution outside of the bounds of the Conference, it is certainly reasonable that we should require them to connect themselves with one of our own colleges or theological seminaries.

The reasons given for designating the University of Michigan as one of the institutions whence our young men, prosecuting their studies, may receive aid from this Society, answer substantially for the reasons why we present a constitution for a *distinct* ministerial education society, rather than as an auxiliary to the Ministerial Education Society, located in Chicago, in which some eight of the western conferences have united.

In conclusion, we ask this Conference to place among its standing committees one on ministerial education.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

L. R. FISK, *Chairman.*

The offices were then filled as follows:

President—Dr. Luther Lee.

Vice-President—Dr. E. H. Pilcher.

Secretary and Treasurer—A. J. Bigelow.

Directors—Dr. B. F. Cocker, L. R. Fisk, Hon. John Owen, David Preston, Dr. C. Rynd.

[J.]

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

(Adopted August 29, 1870.)

The Sunday School enterprise is too well an accomplished success to require at this time in its history an argument for its maintenance or justification before the civilized world. Its nature and achievements declare and demonstrate its divinity. It only remains for us, as ambassadors of the Great Head of the Church, to give devout and intelligent direction to the wisest and best methods for its future propagandism.

The Master has solemnly commissioned us to feed the lambs of His flock. To simplify divine truth, and render it perspicuous to the opening intellect, demands and deserves our holiest toil.

Our children are heirs to a magnificent inheritance in the gospel economy, and we are charged with the responsibility of seeing to it that they be put in possession of their privileges in the Church of Christ. Religious food, suitable and sufficient, and a welcome home in the house of God, with all needful care and culture to establish them in the Church on earth, and conduct them to the mansion above, are demanded at our hands.

It affords us great gratification to be able to report that these facts are being more fully realized now than ever before, and the facilities for

efficient Sabbath School work were never before so abundant. Our Sunday School literature is rapidly improving in style and merit.

We would mention, in terms of gratification, our *Sunday School Advocate* and *Sunday School Journal*. We would also heartily indorse that systematical method of lessons known as the "Berean Series of Lessons," as eminently adapted to this great work. We would also recommend all our schools to furnish themselves with such maps, charts, pictures and mottoes, as will facilitate bible instructions.

So far as the general returns from the several charges teach, we are happy to say there is a marked advance in all material respects beyond the reports of last year.

From the annual report of the Sabbath School Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, we learn that there were enrolled last year 1,170,219 scholars, and the number of conversions was 4,199.

Your committee have had under consideration certain papers addressed to this Conference by the Secretary of the Michigan State Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Normal Institute, containing a request that an abstract of the proceedings of its third annual meeting, held in Albion in June last, should be published in the minutes of this Conference. Also, that this Conference shall make it the duty of its Sunday School Committee to collect information from year to year as to what Districts in the Conference had held Sunday School Institutes, and report the facts for publication in the minutes of the Conference. And furthermore, that this Conference do appoint two of its members as members of the Executive Committee of the Institute.

As to the first and second of these requests, viz., the publication of the matters referred to in the minutes of this Conference, we could not see the propriety of doing so, because it would considerably increase the expense and size of the Minutes of the Conference, by the publication of matters of business not transacted by the Conference.

As to the request for the appointment of two of the members of this Conference upon the Executive Committee of the Institute, we would recommend the Conference to grant it, and would recommend the appointment of Revs. J. M. Arnold and J. H. McCarty. We would, however, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved, That this Conference respectfully requests the Secretaries of all Methodist Episcopal Sunday School Institutes that may be held within the bounds of this Conference, to forward to the Chairman of the Sunday School Committee of the Conference, at their earliest convenience, an abstract of the proceedings of their respective Institutes, to enable him to incorporate such facts in his report as may be desirable.

Resolved, That the Sunday School enterprise deserves and shall have our devout and unabated attention and service.

G. I. BETTS, *Chairman.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.

		No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total number of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars over 15 years of age.	No. of Scholars under 15 except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of teachers and scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Conversations this year.
Detroit Central Church.....	2	80	850	215	485	250	600	800	\$600 00	\$75 00	450	50	50	80	75	
Detroit Lafayette Avenue Church.....	3	40	375	..	..	50	800	300 00	..	..	200	..	..	..	..	..
Detroit Jefferson Avenue Church.....	1	30	250	..	..	70	400	..	..	6 50	..	..	..	..	..	..
Detroit Simpson Church	1	21	200	..	..	45	275	10 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Trenton	3	26	170	60	65	40	120	600	75 00	2 00	81	..	8	..	..	..
Wyandotte	1	22	154	..	..	75	100	445	7 50	7 00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Flat Rock	2	20	175	..	..	..	100	500	35 00	4 00	200	..	..	..	..	..
Wayne	3	50	250	..	..	40	200	400	150 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dearborn	2	14	50	..	..	..	40	200	10 00	1 74	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lee Chapel	1	9	65	6	34	19	40	120	26 20	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Belleville and Sheldons.....	6	19	398	..	..	..	..	1,200	..	..	100	..	..	..	..	..
Plymouth.....	2	24	200	150	25	25	175	250	80 00	..	..	75	..	..	20	24
Pontiac	1	26	250	..	..	60	..	600	..	11 60	95	25	..	..	26	20
Birmingham	3	35	230	25	175	30	..	550	50 00	..	..	75	..	..	..	..
Warren and Royal Oak	2	38	250	..	..	..	..	550	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Farmington	1	27	120	..	..	..	110	300	20 00	..	33	1	..	..	..	..
Northville	1	10	60	15	31	14	40	250	28 00	3 00	30	6	13	..	7	6
Commerce	4	32	260	..	..	..	..	800	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Southfield	3	23	122	..	..	..	..	300	25 00	..	2	14	..	..	7	8
New Boston	5	30	112	90	73	43	190	335	35 00	7 00	105	32	33	..	12	12
Walled Lake	2	20	138	..	..	26	74	..	45 15	..	25	1	..	..	..	0
	49	605	4,564	561	488	757	1,930	9,675	\$1,524 91	\$117 84	1,739	123	229	144	181	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.	No. of Sunday Schools.		Officers and Teachers.		Total number of Scholars of all ages.		No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.		No. of Scholars in Infant Class.		Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.		Volumes in Library.		Expenses of the Schools this year.		Raised for Sunday School Union.		S. S. Journals taken.		No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members or probationers.		No. of Scholars who are Church members or probationers.		No. of Conventions this year.				
	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
Ann Arbor.....	2	48	413	195	153	65	290	1,117	\$256	68	190	36	15	30	100	30	60	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		
Dixborough.....	1	8	40	25	15	45	290	30	60	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	
Ypsilanti.....	1	27	170	..	..	80	140	700	85	90	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	
Augusta.....	1	14	100	..	..	10	80	325	13	60	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oakville.....	3	20	125	..	..	20	..	250	50	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Saline.....	1	18	120	60	50	10	100	660	40	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dexter.....	1	17	105	..	..	20	70	400	70	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chelsea.....	2	18	132	..	..	35	51	450	69	80	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Francisecoville and Leoni.....	4	39	193	..	..	15	150	233	50	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Grass Lake.....	1	28	190	..	..	30	100	500	73	96	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Henrietta.....	3	18	90	..	..	15	70	180	40	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Unadilla.....	2	20	53	6	47	..	62	200	33	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Pinekney.....	3	40	190	..	..	10	140	450	70	00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lima and North Lake.....	3	37	100	..	..	..	..	450	43	50	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hamburg.....	2	22	70	220
Brighton.....	2	18	90	62	500
South Lyon.....	4	47	160	550
Milford.....	2	18	100	500
	38	457	2,441	286	255	300	1,370	7,915	\$575	22	\$29	61	919	53	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102	102

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—ADRIAN DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.

	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total number of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars over 15 years of age.	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses of the schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Conventions this year.
Adrian	2	62	500	..	..	850	..	..	\$100 11	..	..	..	..	..	..
Tecumseh.....	1	24	150	75	..	215	..	..	\$1 00	20	75	..	..	..	..
Clinton and Macon	1	8	15	..	..	10	175	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Manchester	1	17	125	..	..	85	500	175 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Napoleon	1	12	60	6	41	20	48	150	22 00	..	..	..	..	..	..
Franklin.....	2	22	80	52	38	..	80	115	7 30	..	..	31	..	..	..
Addison	3	30	132	..	..	125	200	..	..	..	..	40	..	..	..
Hudson.....	1	28	306	..	..	..	..	500	91 00	..	..	50	..	..	..
Medina	2	13	85	..	..	45	..	200	8 51	..	..	50	..	..	..
Morenci.....	1	26	360	..	..	40	200	291	75 00	8 00	120	..	..	..	..
Fairfield	6	77	296	80	179	37	250	550	56 01	5 95	100	..	..	..	..
Blissfield.....	1	12	120	..	..	40	80	200	..	3 00	..	..	..	..	..
Petersburg.....	3	30	250	..	..	200	..	100 00	..	..	..	60	..	..	..
Lambertville	2	29	135	10	110	15	80	405	..	..	..	54	..	..	..
Monroe	1	20	120	..	..	..	105	400	50 00	1 25	75	..	..	..	..
Dundee	3	30	150	..	..	..	..	550	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ridgeway	2	30	300	..	..	..	..	200	34 40	..	..	70	30	..	..
Brooklyn	3	20	120	..	..	..	..	140	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
West Milan.....	3	24	120	18	82	20	115	100	30 00	..	..	40	4	21	..
Clayton	3	26	145	62	65	28	145	150	70 25	1 00	89	1	20	16	1
Sharon.....	4	20	57	..	..	..	..	400	7 45	..	..	15	1	..	..
Palmyra	3	31	220	50	142	28	190	300	30 00	1 00	40	..	21	17	17
Ida	1	5	20	..	..	..	..	..	3 00	..	..	13	..	..	..
	50	596	3,826	353	707	310	1,613	6,591	\$760 02	\$23 20	722	70	185	162	74

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—OWOSO DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.		No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total number of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars over 15 years of age.	No. of Scholars under 15, except infant class.	No. of Scholars in infant class.	Average attendance of teachers and scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	\$1.50	S. S. Advocates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are church members or probationers.	No. of Scholars who are church members or probationers.	No. of Conversations this year.	
Owosso.....	1	12	100	42	30	21	80	135	\$40 00	\$1 50	35	10	2	12	7	10	
Corunna.....	3	43	275	..	..	35	225	350	30 00	..	30	..	..	..	..	17	17
Linden.....	3	25	150	..	..	20	100	..	75 00	..	40	..	..	..	..	..	..
Laingsburg.....	7	35	250	..	..	..	225	400	50 00	5 00	45	..	..	..	..	..	..
Perry.....	4	30	200	..	..	3	175	300	6 83	2 00	34	..	..	..	..	..	..
Byron.....	5	60	500	..	..	60	350	1,000	138 33	3 00	385	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oak Grove.....	6	50	200	..	..	40	160	500	49 00	2 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fenton.....	1	25	185	50	90	45	155	363	100 00	3 00	80	15	..	..	..	..	..
Hartland.....	4	48	340	..	..	60	200	1,000	350 00	3 00	160	5	..	..	..	..	..
Highland.....	3	35	160	44	54	12	130	200	55 00	1 00	70	..	..	..	..	..	..
Howell.....	1	18	150	..	..	32	80	300	131 00	3 85	60	..	..	..	..	..	..
Fowlerville.....	3	18	150	..	..	..	..	200	25 00	1 00	71	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dansville.....	3	28	115	5	100	30	135	325	25 00	..	35	11	..	..	..	..	..
Williamston.....	3	42	180	..	..	10	..	200	24 00	..	82	..	..	..	..	..	..
Vernon.....	4	20	150	..	..	10	100	..	60 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chesaning.....	1	15	100	5	50	45	85	250	40 50	2 00	45	3	..	..	..	..	..
St. Charles.....	1	10	54	..	..	20	35	100	25 00	..	30	..	..	..	..	..	..
Holly.....	1	18	111	25	50	36	75	150	10 00	5 10	40	13	..	..	..	..	..
Davisburg.....	4	45	200	50	150	600	170 00	1 50	45
	58	577	3,570	131	384	529	2,450	6,473	\$1,236 66	\$33 95	1,287	59	146	83	165		

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS—FLINT DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.

	No. of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total number of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars over 16 years of age.	No. of Scholars under 15, except Infant Class.	No. of Scholars in Infant Class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses of the Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Conversations this year.
Flint, Court street	45	45	352	170	30	100	175	300	\$75 00	\$10 00	100	12	10	10	10
Garland street	24	24	170	170	30	100	175	300	50 00	180	170	12	30	30	30
Swartz Creek	50	50	120	120	30	54	16	140	150	20 00	74	12	20	20	20
Flushing	20	20	100	30	54	16	70	300	12 50	4 10	30	10	17	17	17
Hazleton	32	32	103	9	94	16	84	376	32 22	2 25	12	15	38	38	38
Mount Morris	38	38	251	83	110	57	200	511	150 00	2 50	116	10	14	14	14
Tuscola and Clio	30	30	80	15	15	75	300	24 00	1 02	80	20	10	15	15	15
Grand Blanc	24	24	135	15	85	55	200	200	30 00	1 50	90	20	10	10	10
Saginaw City	16	16	140	49	80	20	120	250	65 00	7 00	70	20	10	10	10
East Saginaw	29	29	225	40	70	50	175	350	70 00	7 00	70	10	26	26	26
South Saginaw and Zilwaukee	16	16	125	30	65	30	80	341	68 55	8 60	75	16	15	15	15
Portsmouth	15	15	120	8	100	12	70	225	110 00	1 00	75	1	15	15	15
Midland City	21	21	108	47	51	21	153	200	200	1 40	70	10	10	10	10
Tittabawassee	45	45	157	35	107	21	153	792	55 28	4 70	36	18	18	18	18
Bay City	60	60	280	15	50	15	232	450	150 00	30	140	40	38	38	38
Wenona	125	125	15	15	15	15	15	325	2 30	17	3	47	35	35	35
Vassar	273	273	142	75	36	175	400	130 00	15 00	8 00	31	20	20	20	20
Watrousville	175	175	4	4	232	232	344	40 15	200	1 40	70	10	10	10	10
Cass City	60	25	110	40	60	10	100	400	50 00	2 00	89	10	10	10	10
Unionville	30	4	110	40	60	10	100	500	50 00	2 00	20	20	20	20	20
Caseville	160	28	160	160	160	160	160	300	300	300	20	20	20	20	20
Dayton and Kingston	150	4	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Millington	75	14	75	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Forrest	75	40	150	150	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
Kawkawling and Sahgeming	150	40	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150	150
Swan Creek	75	14	75	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Koyton	75	14	75	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Cairo	75	14	75	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
Otisville	150	40	150	150	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
	65	711	3,584	404	866	296	1,964	8,134	\$1,279 98	\$53 77	1,417	87	247	157	122

DISTRICTS.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—ROMEO DISTRICT.

		Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars over 15 years of age.	No. of Scholars under 15, except infant class.	No. of Scholars in infant class.	Average attendance of teachers and scholars.	Vols. in Library.	Expenses of Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church members or probationers.	No. of conversions this year.	
Romeo.....	1	31	195	15	65	150	554	\$214 00	25 00	\$3 00	30	20	14	27	20	15	
Mt. Clemens.....	1	15	15	15	20	50	200	25 00	23 36	2 36	40	40	34	34	18	6	
Utica.....	2	26	180	50	167	8	450	66 35	629	52 00	59	59	23	19	13	7	
Washington.....	4	37	225	50	167	8	600	70 00	350	70 00	3 50	3 50	35	12	6	6	
Orion.....	6	61	237	..	..	..	629	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Rochester.....	2	29	105	..	..	..	350	52 00	400	30 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Oxford.....	2	26	170	55	80	35	140	..	260	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brandon.....	2	35	135	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Lapeer.....	1	22	150	30	120	..	90	250	65 00	5 00	84	..	..	..	..	..	..
North Branch.....	3	15	70	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Almont.....	3	35	257	75	147	35	292	300	95 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dryden.....	2	25	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Armada.....	3	22	160	80	..	..	20	130	300	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Chesterfield.....	3	26	150	..	..	..	..	..	200	16 00	2 00	75	2	25	12	6	6
Hadley.....	3	26	150	..	..	..	..	..	100	..	..	150	..	..	..	..	..
Goodrich.....	3	23	150	..	..	..	..	..	400	8 00	..	80	..	..	..	..	..
Clarkston.....	1	21	100	24	37	39	100	..	225	..	..	11	..	..	14	..	..
Mill Creek.....	1	4	40	20	..	..	..	..	100	20 00	1 10	50	..	..	..	..	..
Troy.....	2	17	120	300
	42	470	2,969	334	551	226	1,042	5,768	\$661 35	\$16 96	732	27	165	96	44		

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS—PORT HURON DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.

			Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars over 15 years of age.	No. of Scholars under 15 except infant class.	No. of Scholars in infant class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Volumes in library.	Expenses of Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union.	S. S. Advocates taken.	S. S. Journals taken.	No. of Officers and Teachers who are Church members or probationers.	No. of Scholars who are Church members or probationers.	No. of conversions this year.
Port Huron.....	1	1	1	29	193	68	75	50	140	800	\$50 00	\$2 00	125	6	29	34	12
Gratiot	3	3	3	20	180	30	60	45	120	150	62 00	2 25	60	20	20	18	10
Marysville.....	3	3	3	15	120	145	124	54	255	820	33 00	3 00	40	15	32	7	18
St. Clair.....	4	4	4	33	145	175	100	20	100	150	50 00	180	40	75	20	12	10
Marine City.....	4	4	4	22	175	330	20	468	468	76 63	3 00	1 00	86	30	32	12	10
Algonac.....	5	5	5	56	330	39	124	54	255	210	25 00	6 75	30	15	32	7	18
Memphis.....	5	5	5	51	289	111	38	35	160	500	572	2 00	25	15	32	7	18
Richmond.....	5	5	5	17	141	246	246	35	29	264	50 00	2 00	36	30	20	7	18
Brockway.....	6	6	6	50	300	158	125	25	125	100	1,279	50 00	100	60	20	12	10
Ruby.....	6	6	6	52	110	275	275	35	200	346	200	2 00	6	6	20	7	18
Lakeport.....	6	6	6	57	125	125	125	25	102	400	33 00	1 35	40	30	12	4	3
Lexington.....	5	5	5	32	100	85	85	25	29	40	50 00	100	100	100	8	4	3
Davisonville.....	5	5	5	57	45	10	25	10	40	175	50 00	100	6	6	12	7	3
Port Sanilac.....	5	5	5	35	100	31	46	29	102	100	25 84	1 35	100	100	12	4	3
Forrester.....	5	5	5	25	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sand Beach.....	5	5	5	18	100	100	46	29	102	100	25 84	1 35	100	100	12	4	3
Huron City.....	6	6	6	28	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Austin.....	3	3	3	10	45	10	25	10	40	175	50 00	100	100	100	8	4	3
Verona.....	1	1	1	18	100	31	46	29	102	100	25 84	1 35	100	100	12	4	3
Tawas.....	1	1	1	28	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Au Sauble.....	1	1	1	11	85	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Harrisville.....	1	1	1	10	45	10	25	10	40	175	50 00	100	100	100	8	4	3
Alpena.....	1	1	1	18	100	31	46	29	102	100	25 84	1 35	100	100	12	4	3
Belle River.....	4	4	4	18	100	31	46	29	102	100	25 84	1 35	100	100	12	4	3
Marion.....	6	6	6	28	130	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	66	561	3,472	250	430	316	1,222	5,574	\$455 47	\$18 35	882	12	101	57	43	43	43

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

DISTRICTS.

		Number of Sunday Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Total No. of Scholars of all ages.	No. of Scholars over 15, except infant class.	No. of Scholars in infant class.	Average attendance of Teachers and Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	Expenses of Schools this year.	Raised for Sunday School Union.	Sunday School Advocates taken.	Sunday School Journals taken.	No. of Conversations this year.
Iroquois Point.....	1	25	176	50	125	50	400	\$200 00	..	..	..	..	12
Marquette.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Negaunee.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Clarksburg.....	1	16	100	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Houghton.....	2	32	240	60	130	20	80	600	170 00	6 50	80	..	..
Hancock.....	3	37	304	..	..	108	50	180	200	142 00	4 00	18	..
Calumet.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	230	492	..	..	..	..
Keweenaw.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eagle Harbor.....	2	25	200	50	115	40	128	250	10 00	3 00	50	5	11
Clifton.....	1	8	80	10	40	30	70	150	60 00	..	40	..	1
Rockland and Maple Grove.....	10	143	1,099	170	410	298	868	2,092	\$582 00	\$13 50	363	5	61
													37

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOTALS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

YEARS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.	YEARS.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Volumes in Library.
Totals for 1856.....	188	1,670	7,880	27,489	Totals for 1864.....	330	3,111	17,436	54,028
Totals for 1857.....	238	2,217	9,318	36,845	Totals for 1865.....	321	3,259	18,701	54,739
Totals for 1858.....	288	2,506	11,052	36,053	Totals for 1866.....	350	3,422	19,748	57,423
Totals for 1859.....	289	2,619	11,974	39,661	Totals for 1867.....	372	3,894	22,025	59,471
Totals for 1860.....	311	2,925	15,167	46,275	Totals for 1868.....	376	3,932	23,910	54,003
Totals for 1861.....	331	3,045	13,354	43,031	Totals for 1869.....	374	3,992	23,431	53,619
Totals for 1862.....	319	2,800	14,043	44,295	Totals for 1870.....	379	4,039	25,284
Totals for 1863.....	313	2,982	16,854	45,797					

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ON PERIODICALS.*(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)*

The Committee on Periodicals respectfully submit the following:

We have been gratified to meet in Conference Rev. Luke Hitchcock, D. D., one of the publishers of the Methodist Episcopal Book Concern, and to learn from him, in detail, of the continued prosperity and general usefulness of the book and periodical interests of the church.

We recognize the fact that much of the success of the Methodist ministry in its educational power over the people and its dissemination of the doctrines and tenets of the denomination, are due to the Methodist tract and *Sabbath School Journal*, the *Christian Advocates*, of New York, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Cincinnati, St. Louis and New Orleans, the *Ladies' Repository*, the *Methodist Quarterly*, and the *Golden Hours*, each of which, in its respective department of labor and influence, is happily fitted and wisely directed to the promotion of the work of faith and labor of love in which our ministry and Church are employed.

The magazine and newspaper are to-day an essential to every well regulated and intelligent family; and while the secular press and literary journal are ingratiating themselves in the public favor, Christian families cannot afford to allow the daily newspaper, nor the infidel, nor the semi-infidel, nor yet the fashionable magazine, to supplant the moral and religious weekly and monthly. These last have a relation and sphere of their own, in the religious culture of the mind and heart of their readers, and are among the active agencies under God in the conversion of the children and youth of our Church.

While we labor and hope for an increasing list of subscribers to, and readers of, all our periodicals, we regard the *Northwestern Christian Advocate* more especially the newspaper and religious intelligence of our Conference, possessing claims which compel us to labor for its continuance in all our families now reading it, and its introduction to such as are in the Church or may be brought into it, who are not already its patrons. Its pages afford a valuable medium for the publication of such information, both local and general, as should be brought before our people. The position on its editorial staff of Rev. Arthur Edwards, M. A., of this Conference, with his untiring industry, and catholic spirit and bearing, contributing to enrich its pages, increases the claim upon the Detroit Conference for its united and hearty support.

We renew, in this connection, our expressions of approval and delight in the beautified and improved condition of the *Ladies' Repository*, and urge

upon the Christian women of our Church and congregations not to allow the worldly attractions of the merely fashionable journal, insidiously stealing the affections and hearts of its reader from the lessons of truth and virtue which religion teaches, to take the place of the richly filled pages of sanctified literature given in this valuable monthly.

The *Golden Hours* has more than filled the expectations created by its prospectus, in furnishing a first class illustrated family magazine for children and young people. Its merits are the more apparent on its comparison with the varied publications claiming support from the youth of our country.

The safe and judicious management of our mammoth book and publishing establishments has made them an immense power, morally and financially, and the periodicals issued from them, under the supervision of men whose Christian integrity, moral worth and literary ability have commended them to the approval of the General Conference for such appointments, possess claims upon our active sympathy and support, prior to all independent journals, whether bearing our own family name, or under the covert of religious pretenses, finding access to pious families, and there secretly undermining the essential truths of our holy Christianity.

Your committee desire, in this connection, to direct the attention of the Conference to the facilities afforded our ministry by J. M. Arnold's Methodist Book Depository, of Detroit, for obtaining Sabbath School and Church literature, and for the supply of their own libraries with such works, of either American or foreign publication, as may enrich and replenish them. Bro. Arnold, in his multiplied labors in this direction, is rendering to the Church and religious public a service worthy our highest commendation, and which entitles him to our liberal patronage.

JOHN McELDONNEY, *Chairman.*

(L.) GENERAL STATISTICS—Detroit District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.					
	Members.		Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Conf.	Church Missionary Society.	S. S. Missionary Society.	Church Extension Society.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.		
										Claimants.											
Detroit, Central Church,	600	..	98	11	9	25	1	\$155,000	..	125 00	\$489 00	\$167 11	\$250 00	\$25 00	\$100 00	\$75 00	12	80	850	800	
Lafayette Avenue ..	225	5	12	3	15	25	1	20,000	1	3,000	16 00	100 00	..	..	11 50	..	3	40	375	800	
Jefferson Avenue ..	101	2	22	1	4	19	1	15,000	..	..	7 05	55 00	25 00	2 78	..	6 50	1	30	250	400	
Simpson Church ..	124	1	6	2	4	6	1	45,000	..	..	12 00	50 00	10 00	2 55	..	2 00	1	24	200	275	
Trenton	70	1	10	2	..	3	1	2,000	1	1,500	4 50	20 00	10 50	..	..	2 00	3	26	170	600	
Wyandotte	99	2	23	1	5	4	1	3,000	1	2,000	15 00	30 00	..	..	6 00	30 00	7 00	1	22	154	445
Flat Rock	200	5	60	..	18	7	2	6,000	1	1,000	11 00	59 00	21 00	10 00	5 00	8 25	4 00	2	20	175	500
Wayne	150	3	20	3	1	2	2	6,000	1	800	4 50	..	..	4 40	3 83	20 00	..	3	50	250	400
Dearborn	65	4	2	..	1	4	2	2,500	1	1,400	3 38	8 81	..	..	1 50	..	1 75	2	14	50	200
Lee Chapel	27	..	25	..	..	10	1	800	1	1,250	4 00	21 60	..	4 00	3 00	..	..	1	9	65	130
Plymouth	80	2	9	1	9	1	2	4,000	1	1,000	6 56	..	19 31	..	..	..	..	2	24	200	250
Belleview and Sheldon's,	319	..	40	4	43	6	4	10,000	1	1,200	12 35	..	56 14	15 30	10 19	..	..	6	19	398	1,200
Birmingham	160	5	2	..	6	1	1	800	1	3,000	5 57	32 87	21 00	..	..	28 50	..	3	35	230	550
Royal Oak and Warren,*	108	19	19	1	7	1	2	6,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	38	250	550	
Farmington	139	..	13	..	5	..	1	2,800	1	1,000	4 00	53 75	..	..	..	..	1	24	130	700	
Northville	60	1	8	..	6	..	1	2,500	1	1,200	5 00	19 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	6 00	3 00	1	10	60	250
Commerce	150	..	7	1	5	..	1	2,000	1	1,200	5 00	86 00	..	..	..	..	..	2	29	220	500
Southfield	108	..	15	..	8	4	2	4,000	1	800	2 00	12 00	..	40	35	05	75	3	23	122	300
Pontiac	291	1	20	2	15	8	1	25,000	1	3,000	23 93	207 92	36 00	15 00	10 90	31 20	11 60	1	26	225	600
New Boston	158	..	34	2	15	2	2	3,500	1	1,000	6 00	64 00	..	4 00	15 00	10 50	7 00	5	39	212	355
Walled Lake	72	1	9	1	12	2	1	1,200	..	..	66	7 75	..	..	..	6 50	..	2	20	138	..
Totals this year	3,306	52	454	37	182	135	31	\$317,600	16	\$24,350	\$276 50	\$1,316 70	\$377 06	\$325 10	\$98 60	\$258 45	\$118 60	49	602	4,724	9,805
Totals 1869	3,225	52	339	32	155	151	31	287,400	15	19,800	372 20	2,030 58	600 00	226 00	54 55	184 30	103 40	45	566	4,848	9,766

* Taken from last year's minutes.

Ann Arbor	491	8	11	8	14	3	2	\$70,000	1	\$5,000	\$23 50	\$334 64	\$131 00	\$50 00	\$5 00	\$40 00	\$10 00	2	48	413	1,117
Dixboro'	43	..	3	1	2	..	1	3,000	1	1,500	1 00	6 00	..	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1	8	40	290
Ypsilanti	323	12	3	3	..	1	1	12,000	1	2,000	30 15	112 65	128 46	24 09	10 15	14 80	10 15	1	27	250	700
Augusta	83	..	7	1	5	2	2	6,000	1	2,000	7 00	75 18	12 82	6 00	..	8 60	..	1	14	100	325

Oakville	178	1	27	2	3	..	2	3,200	1	500	6 15	63 00	..	7 87	3 00	..	..	3 21	150	400
Saline	130	..	12	..	5	..	1	6,000	1	1,600	13 10	41 00	49 00	15 53	..	..	9 46	1 18	120	600
Dexter	119	2	6	1	..	4	1	7,000	1	1,100	10 00	38 00	2 50	10 50	..	..	1 17	105	400	
Chelsea	131	2	17	..	10	1	3	9,400	1	2,000	10 60	96 10	..	14 00	3 39	..	..	2 18	132	450
Franciscoville and Leoni, Grass Lake	133	1	9	1	8	4	2	4,000	..	..	5 00	40 75	50 00	3 84	..	..	4 39	193	233	233
Henrietta	234	2	19	1	27	..	1	12,000	..	..	7 00	81 40	..	..	..	..	1 27	190	500	
Unadilla	113	..	20	1	2	..	..	..	1	800	8 40	30 00	9 00	12 95	..	..	3 18	90	180	
Pinckney	130	..	30	..	11	..	2	3,500	1	400	11 00	70 00	1 00	7 50	4 50	..	6 00	2 20	53	200
Lima and North Lake	131	1	7	..	13	..	1	6,000	1	1,500	5 00	15 00	..	..	..	2 00	3 00	3 40	190	450
Hamburg*	76	2	5	1	..	2	5,000	..	..	3 51	32 12	2 55	3 33	..	..	..	..	3 37	100	450
Brighton	65	1	10	..	2	1	3	9,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 22	70	200	
South Lyon	95	2	9	..	1	..	1	3,000	1	800	6 25	30 00	2 40	2 31	..	..	2 18	90	500	
Milford	240	2	77	..	41	1	3	7,200	1	1,000	10 50	64 25	..	..	1 00	15 00	1 50	4 35	200	450
Totals this year.....	2,848	36	274	22	144	17	30	\$169,800	14	\$22,700	\$172 36	\$1,186 31	\$888 73	\$158 92	\$28 04	\$90 60	\$41 11	38 445	2,616	7,745

ADRIAN DISTRICT

Adrian	639	4	65	6	70	17	1	50,000	1	\$4,000	\$34 00	\$145 00	\$232 50	\$45 00	..	\$10 00	..	2 62	500	850
Tecumseh	238	2	34	1	8	3	1	25,000	1	15,000	..	29 64	15 00	..	..	5 15	1 24	150	215	
Clinton and Macon	97	1	7	..	6	1	2	10,500	1	1,000	3 00	31 00	..	..	..	\$1 00	1 8	15	175	
Manchester	115	1	12	..	4	1	1	10,000	1	2,500	14 00	55 10	30 90	..	..	..	1 17	125	500	
Napoleon	107	1	17	2	..	1	1	4,000	1	1,800	3 00	42 00	3 00	1 00	..	..	2 00	1 12	60	150
Franklin	130	..	..	1	20	..	1	1,200	1	600	1 00	10 00	..	..	..	..	2 24	80	115	
Addison	168	1	42	..	..	..	3	6,000	1	1,200	7 50	75 00	..	10 00	..	\$18 70	..	3 30	150	200
Hudson	203	..	12	2	8	2	1	12,000	1	1,500	9 00	86 00	..	12 00	..	27 00	..	1 28	306	500
Medina	65	..	4	..	1	..	2	4,000	1	1,500	1 00	7 00	6 44	..	\$5 00	22 50	2 16	85	200	
Monroe	110	1	3	..	3	6	1	30,000	1	3,000	3 00	10 00	..	..	..	1 05	1 25	1 20	400	
Fairfield	183	2	54	..	36	2	3	5,500	1	1,600	17 55	53 35	..	13 25	5 53	17 55	5 75	6 77	296	550
Blissfield †	70	20	..	..	..	3	1	4,000	1	1,200	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 16	100	350	
Petersburgh	179	1	30	..	25	2	2	10,000	1	1,700	2 75	42 10	..	..	..	5 20	..	3 30	550	200
Lambertville	81	1	2	3	..	1	1	1,000	1	1,000	5 87	35 90	40 00	3 00	..	..	2 00	2 29	110	405
Ida	60	2	3	1	1	..	1	2,000	..	..	73	35	..	1 45	..	..	1 5	14	35	
Morenci	200	1	12	2	20	2	1	8,000	1	3,000	8 00	70 00	..	13 00	8 00	10 00	8 00	1 26	300	291
Dundee †	114	4	12	1	3	2	1	7,400	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 30	150	560	
Ridgeway	230	3	2	4	..	..	2	20,100	1	1,500	5 00	70 00	..	3 00	..	4 14	2 40	2 30	300	200
Brooklyn	120	..	4	3	4	2	2	4,500	1	1,000	1 35	..	20 00	..	1 75	1 04	1 41	1 15	130	100
West Milan	43	1	12	1	..	..	2	3,000	..	..	2 00	9 00	..	..	4 00	..	..	3 24	120	100
Clayton	81	3	1	..	3	..	2	1,200	1	1,200	6 00	10 00	..	..	..	..	1 00	3 26	145	150
Sharon	76	..	3	..	..	..	2	6,000	1	1,800	3 10	40 25	..	5 15	2 20	..	..	1 20	57	400
Palmyra	78	..	24	1	2	7	2	1,700	1	500	4 03	47 26	3 64	4 00	1 00	2 00	1 00	3 25	220	300
Totals this year.....	3,397	49	355	28	214	50	36	\$227,100	21	\$47,250	\$131 88	\$868 95	\$351 48	\$114 85	\$28 68	\$119 13	\$25 81	48 594	3,956	6,946

*Taken from last year's minutes.

† Last year. This year's report received, but too late for insertion.

GENERAL STATISTICS—Continued. Flint District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.			BAPTISMS	CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.				SUNDAY SCHOOLS.									
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.		Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conference Claimants.	Church Missionary Society.	S. S. Missionary Society.	Church Extension Society.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.
Flint—Court street.....	280	1	24	5	15	2	2	\$12,800	2	\$3,200	\$15 00	\$75 00	\$25 00	\$7 76	\$10 59	\$10 00	2	45	332	300	
Garland street.....	230	3	50	3	36	3	1	7,500	1	4,000	10 00	83 00	...	11 10	12 50	...	2	24	170	150	
Swartz Creek.....	140	3	60	1	23	2	2	2,000	1	1,000	12 88	31 41	...	3 51	3 00	19 50	1 79	6	50	120	100
Flushing.....	197	2	16	1	..	1	1	4,000	1	2,000	10 00	40 00	...	3 15	12 50	4 10	2	20	100	300	
Hazelton.....	85	..	7	1	..	1	1	800	1	400	3 00	15 00	6 00	5 00	2 55	1 35	2 25	4	32	103	376
Mount Morris.....	142	1	30	1	25	4	1	1,500	1	1,500	4 17	31 00	...	4 00	3 69	...	2 50	4	38	251	751
Tuscola and Chio.....	82	..	9	..	8	2	2	1,500	..	400	4 00	15 10	4 00	...	...	1 02	3	30	80	300	
Grand Blanc.....	147	1	4	3	20	2	2	7,000	1	1,800	14 65	...	50 60	...	...	...	2	24	135	400	
Saginaw City.....	120	..	10	..	..	3	1	15,000	1	500	7 00	30 75	...	...	...	...	1	20	230	500	
East Saginaw.....	191	4	9	..	15	8	1	55,000	..	..	30 00	...	50 00	...	6 00	13 50	...	1	30	225	373
S. Saginaw and Zilwaukee	63	1	40	..	3	3	1	3,500	1	1,500	5 00	24 75	10 25	...	5 50	1 47	8 00	1	16	125	341
Portsmouth.....	44	..	11	..	6	5	1	3,000	1	1,500	5 00	12 00	...	1 00	1 00	2 00	1	15	120	325	
Midland City.....	76	..	4	..	9	1	1	7,000	..	400	3 00	...	...	...	5 00	3 44	1 39	3	21	108	200
Tittabawassee.....	95	4	10	..	3	5	..	..	..	2 75	29 00	...	1 00	1 55	...	4 70	5 45	157	792		
Bay City.....	124	33	2	..	8	1	1	10,000	1	3,000	16 00	53 00	...	...	...	15 13	3 00	2	30	280	450
Wenona.....	50	..	20	..	6	9	2	10,000	..	..	1 00	...	10 00	63	6 25	5 50	...	2	15	125	325
Vassar.....	127	..	52	..	36	12	1	8,000	..	..	9 00	61 15	9 20	6 00	1 00	4 65	3 70	3	47	253	400
Watrousville.....	62	..	37	1	7	..	..	..	1	500	..	10 00	...	1 38	...	...	83	5 47	175	344	
Cass City.....	45	..	30	..	10	7	..	..	1	600	3 60	35 00	..	76	...	...	2	12	50	200	
Unionville.....	76	..	17	1	5	..	1	2,500	..	..	2 00	55 00	...	1 00	3 00	1 00	2 00	4	30	110	400
Caseville*.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Dayton and Kingston.....	145	2	43	2	10	14	..	..	1	400	1 00	13 40	2 75	...	..	1 00	..	4	28	160	300
Millington.....	49	1	22	1	..	1	..	..	1	400	2 75	22 00	...	2 75	8 50	..	3 43	3	31	150	194
Forest.....	130	2	20	3	8	1	1	4,000	1	400	12 00	...	...	...	...	...	4	40	150	300	
Kawkawling, Sahgening*.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Swan Creek*.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Koylton*.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Cairo.....	34	..	25	..	..	..	1	4,500	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	14	75	200
Total this year.....	2,734	25	583	25	245	92	224	\$159,600	18	\$23,100	\$163 80	\$590 76	\$209 55	\$45 48	\$54 80	\$103 63	\$56 71	67	704	3,790	8,321

* No Reports.

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OWOSO DISTRICT.

Owosso	88	..	38	2	8	3	1	\$6,000	\$15 00	\$41 00	\$20 00	\$2 50	\$1 50	\$10 69	\$1 50	11 12	100	150	
Corunna.....	167	2	70	3	25	..	2	6,000	1	\$1,200	2 50	..	..	1 00	1 00	11 00	1 00	3 44	235	200
Linden	147	2	22	3	18	..	1	4,000	..	..	5 00	35 00	..	..	10 00	..	3 25	150	375	
Laingsburgh.....	214	3	102	3	26	..	..	..	..	..	..	75 00	..	..	..	..	7 35	250	400	
Perry	138	3	44	4	15	..	..	..	1	1,000	10 00	40 00	..	1 00	..	..	2 00	4 30	90	300
Byron	250	3	25	1	25	6	2	7,000	1	2,000	13 00	90 00	..	..	2 00	12 00	3 00	5 60	500	
Oak Grove.....	78	1	30	..	11	..	..	..	1	1,200	3 13	..	..	..	..	*7 00	2 00	5 50	200	500
Fentonville	241	3	46	1	75	..	1	10,000	9 87	95 66	2 44	18 32	3 00	1 25	185
Hartland.....	210	4	6	..	44	2	2	5,000	2	500	10 00	90 00	3 00	4 00	3 00	4 48	340
Hightland	100	2	16	..	22	2	1	2,500	..	..	13 15	63 00	..	..	2 00	5 00	13 50	1 00	3 35	110
Howell.....	110	..	34	3	3	..	1	3,000	1	1,500	6 25	56 54	..	..	2 00	3 34	4 08	3 85	1 18	150
Fowlerville.....	145	1	35	3	3	3	2	6,000	..	..	4 00	50 00	..	..	1 00	15 00	..	1 00	3 18	150
Dansville	110	1	5	1	..	..	1	4,000	..	..	3 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	3 28	115	300
Williamston.....	160	1	41	1	12	..	1	4,200	1	1,000	1 50	..	..	22 60	..	..	..	3 42	160	200
Vernon.....	150	1	25	4	12	1	1	1,000	..	..	2 00	50 00	..	..	2 00	..	..	4 20	150	200
Chesaning	58	1	28	1	3	..	1	4,000	..	..	7 00	28 00	3 00	..	..	..	4 75	2 00	1 15	100
St. Charles.....	25	..	..	..	1	1	1	3,500	1	1,000	1 00	10 00	..	..	..	..	..	1 10	54	100
Holly	111	2	39	1	5	3	2	7,000	..	..	13 30	51 87	18 13	1 00	5 00	21 93	5 10	1 18	111	115
Davisburgh.....	137	2	52	2	36	1	2	7,000	1	2,000	8 00	15 00	..	1 45	2 04	32 00	1 52	4 45	200	600	
New Haven.....	101	..	38	1	10	..	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	..	..	..	..	..	7 35	200	500
Bennington	56	..	9	..	..	1	..	..	1	1,800	6 50	20 50	..	..	..	..	..	2 12	70	40
Totals.....	2,796	32	705	34	354	21	22	\$80,200	11	\$13,200	\$134 20	\$816 57	\$161 73	\$13 95	\$50 32	*\$145 27	\$34 97	66	625	3,620	7,293

ROMEO DISTRICT.

Romco	210	1	13	2	2	1	1 1/2	\$6,500	1	\$2,500	\$21 38	\$95 00	\$38 31	\$10 50	..	..	..	1 31	190	550
Mount Clemens	62	1	8	..	..	6	1	4,000	1	1,500	5 25	7 25	4 75	5 20	..	..	\$3 00	1 10	75	200
Utica	65	1	1	..	1	..	1	6,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2 32	150	500	
Washington	190	3	7	4	2	..	2	4,000	1	500	5 60	113 05	..	..	2 25	\$4 00	\$5 10	2 36	4 37	225
Orion	†235	2	8	..	..	2	..	3,600	1	1,000	..	..	..	..	..	..	6 61	237	629	
Rochester	77	..	..	1	..	..	1	1,500	..	..	2 35	17 00	..	..	..	..	2 29	105	350	
Oxford	162	1	10	..	12	1	1	9,000	1	1,500	5 25	31 00	..	..	5 00	..	18 40	2 26	170	400
Brandon	120	3	30	..	12	1	..	..	..	..	1 10	11 25	3 00	2 40	..	..	..	2 35	135	250
Lapeer	139	2	20	..	8	..	2	7,000	..	..	10 00	33 90	5 00	6 00	3 00	..	3 00	1 20	150	250
North Branch	100	..	10	3	1	6	..	..	1	300	2 00	4 00	..	..	..	1 00	..	3 20	60	80
Almont	146	..	16	1	10	2	2	12,000	1	1,200	11 00	55 00	..	..	10 00	..	..	3 35	294	300
Dryden	115	..	20	1	7	4	1	2,000	1	800	2 00	..	..	..	2 00	..	..	3 15	100	150
Armada	120	3	12	1	7	..	1	3,500	1	1,600	10 00	20 00	..	..	..	..	..	2 25	160	300
Chesterfield	100	1	4	..	8	4	3	7,000	1	300	4 30	..	..	..	4 00	..	..	3 22	100	420
Hadley	†94	1	31	..	6	5	2	2,500	1	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	1 6	50	100	
Goodrich	88	..	..	..	1	..	2	3,000	1	500	1 00	32 00	..	..	1 00	..	3 50	3 23	150	400
Clarkston	72	..	15	2	2	..	1	2,500	1	1,200	5 00	20 00	..	..	..	..	..	1 21	100	225
Mill Creek	37	..	13	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	4 40	42 00	..	..	1 10	..	..	1 10	1 4	40
Troy	61	..	1	..	..	..	1	2,000	1	600	..	20 00	..	..	..	..	13 79	..	1 9	45
Total this year.....	2,133	19	219	16	79	31	24 1/2	\$76,100	13	\$13,700	\$90 63	\$523 45	\$51 06	\$49 45	\$8 10	\$41 79	\$9 46	42 461	2,536	5,804
Total last year.....	2,228	22	191	17	95	33	24	72,100	14	12,100	115 18	746 21	15 25	25 40	3 35	152 95	7 00	39 425	2,374	5,092

† Taken from last year's minutes.

* Paid to Agent.

GENERAL STATISTICS—Continued. Port Huron District.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.							
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.		Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conference Claimants.	Church Missionary Society.	S. S. Missionary Society.	Church Extension Society.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	
Port Huron.....	160	..	30	..	4	5	\$10,000	1	\$3,000	\$40 00	\$84 01	\$45 89	\$11 11	\$11 00	\$7 55	\$8 07	1	3	180	800	
Gratiot.....	80	4	30	..	2	4	2,500	1	600	10 00	25 00	..	5 00	1 00	3 00	2 00	3	30	130	150	
Marysville.....	146	..	40	1	24	5	18,000	1	1,500	6 00	11 00	..	..	..	12 65	..	20	180	160	
St. Clair.....	27	1	1	..	2	1	3,000	..	..	2 00	7 00	8 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	120	150
Marine City.....	145	1	6	1	5	..	6,000	..	..	18 00	65 57	..	16 00	..	..	2 00	..	..	..	..
Algonac.....	112	..	2	9	1	1	2,500	..	..	5 53	50 00	15 00	15 00	3 00	..	..	2 25	22	175	..
Memphis.....	187	1	7	12	6	2	4,000	..	..	10 00	48 00	..	7 00	5 00	1 00	3 00	7	56	330	468
Richmond.....	112	1	6	2	4	9	..	1	200	..	52 00	..	7 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brockway.....	125	1	10	2	1	10	1,200	1	700	4 10	65 50	5 00	3 65	6 75	5 50	6 75	6	51	289	820	
Ruby.....	106	1	1	1	1	1	2,000	..	..	..	12 00	..	1 25	..	1 00	1 00	1	8	30	40
Lakeport.....	42	..	2	1	4	..	3,000	1	700	2 00	..	10 00	10 00	..	..	..	3	16	141	210
Lexington.....	80	..	20	2	..	..	..	1	800	..	25 60	..	2 40	..	..	..	4	20	200	500
Davisville.....	83	2	19	..	3	5	1,3,600	1	400	7 00	15 00	..	7 00	..	..	..	4	32	158	264
Port Sanilac.....	48	..	4	1	2	7	..	..	..	4 25	20 00	5 26	..	5 00	2 50	1 12	2	22	100	282
Forester.....	22	..	6	..	2	3	..	..	..	2 00	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Sand Beach and White Rock.....	40	..	70	1	7	55	1	600	5 00	30 00	2 30	6	35	275	1,279
Huron City.....	56	..	16	..	3	5	1	500	2 00	..	14 00	5	24	125	250
Austin.....	6	1	..	..	12	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Verona.....	36	..	8	1	..	4	1,2,500	1	1,000	2 59	..	46 00	..	..	11 78	..	1	16	100	346
Tawas.....	34	..	11	1	7	4	..	..	..	30 00	70 24	..	..	..	..	..	1	11	75	400
Au Sable.....	20	..	..	..	1	1	3,000	..	..	2 00	8 00	..	3 00	..	..	..	1	6	20	100
Harrisville.....	56	..	7	1	3	13	1	6,000	1	1,000	1 00	..	8 00	..	..	14 50	1	10	45	175
Alpena.....	27	..	33	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	10 00	..	..	..	..	1 35	4	18	100	..
Total this year.....	1,750	13	329	17	93	146	15	\$67,300	12	\$11,000	\$153 47	\$601 92	\$157 15	\$88 41	\$31 75	\$59 48	\$29 54	56	441	2,753	6,385
Total last year.....	1,659	16	353	16	117	115	14	13,040	11	9,950	186 10	613 74	55 00	..	15 53	37 53	5 11	65 553	3,056	7,106	

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

Iroquois Point	44	1	69	3	1	9	1	\$350	1	\$350	.....	\$10 50	.....	.....	.....	1	5	40	50
Marquette	160	2	8	2	24	2	1	3,000	1	3,000	\$5 00	15 00	.....	.....	1	25	175	400	
Negaunee	50	1	..	3	1	45	2	10,000	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	23	225	300	
Clarksburgh .....	..	..	..	..	..	14	2	4,000	1	1,000	4 50	24 00	.....	\$1 00	..	12	75	600	
Houghton	30	..	12	..	..	34	1	3,000	1	1,000	10 00	100 00	\$45 00	15 70	\$3 00	2	32	240	200
Hancock	60	3	9	3	1	54	1	4,000	23 20	20 00	130 00	5 30	3 00	4 00	3	37	304	492
Calumet	76	1	13	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Keweenaw .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Eagle Harbor	40	..	4	4	..	30	2	7,000	..	3 00	8 00	.....	.....	..	3 00	2	25	200	250
Clifton	26	2	..	34	1	3,000	1	1,000	6 00	8 68	21 32	5 00	1,00	..	1	8	30	150
Rockland and Maple Grove,	51	2	5	..	..	32	1	2,000	..	3 00	.....	6 00	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..
Total this year	537	10	120	22	28	254	12	\$42,250	5	\$6,350	\$54 70	\$186 18	\$42 32	\$27 00	\$7 75	\$13 50	13 167	1,289	2,442	
Total last year	638	6	113	14	5	186	9	31,850	5	7,700	70 75	423 64	27 00	43 00	18 00	\$46 50	19 44	13 164	1,241	1,874

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	NUMBERS.					BAPTISMS.	CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.					SUNDAY SCHOOLS.						
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.		Children.	Churches.	Probable value.	For Conference claimants	Church Mis-sionary Society.	Sunday School Missionary Society.	For Church Extension Society.	For Tract Soci-ety.	For Bible Soci-ety.	For Sunday School Union.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars.	Vols. in Library.	
Detroit	3,306	52	454	37	182	135	31	\$317,600	16	\$24,350	\$276 60	\$1,316 70	\$377 06	\$225 10	\$98 60	\$258 45	\$118 60	49	602	4,724	9,805
Ann Arbor..	2,848	36	274	22	144	17	30	169,800	14	22,700	172 36	1,186 31	388 73	158 92	28 04	90 60	41 11	38	445	2,616	7,745
Adrian	3,397	49	355	28	214	50	36	227,100	21	47,250	131 88	868 95	351 48	114 85	28 68	119 13	25 81	48	594	3,956	6,946
Owosso	2,796	32	705	34	354	21	22	80,200	11	13,200	134 20	816 57	161 73	13 95	50 32	145 27	34 97	66	625	3,620	7,293
Flint	2,734	25	583	25	245	92	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	159,600	18	23,100	163 80	590 76	209 55	45 48	54 80	103 63	56 71	67	704	3,790	8,321
Romeo.....	2,133	19	219	16	79	31	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	69,800	13	13,700	90 63	492 45	51 06	49 45	8 10	41 79	9 46	42	461	2,536	5,804
Pt. Huron...	1,750	13	329	17	93	146	15	67,300	12	11,000	153 47	601 92	157 15	88 41	31 75	59 48	29 54	56	441	2,753	6,385
L. Superior,	537	10	120	22	28	254	12	42,350	5	6,350	54 70	186 18	42 32	27 00	7 75	.....	13 50	13	167	1,289	2442
Totals, 1870,	19,501	236	3,039	201	1,339	746	193	\$1,133,750	110	\$161,650	\$1,177 64	\$6,089 84	\$1,739 08	\$723 16	\$308 04	\$818 35	\$329 70	379	4,039	25,284	54,741
Totals, 1869,	18,174	234	2,377	185	1,116	630	177 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,040,640	104	133,350	1,315 28	7,735 61	1,633 85	623 34	219 12	739 02	301 65	374	3,992	23,431	53,619
Increase	1,327	2	662	16	223	116	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	\$93,110	6	\$28,300	.....	.....	\$105 23	\$98 82	88 92	\$79 33	\$28 05	5	47	1,853	1,122
Decrease.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$137 64	\$1,728 03	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

F. E. YORK, *Secretary.*J. C. WORTLEY, *Chairman.*

AGGREGATE TOTALS FOR FIFTEEN YEARS.

Years.	NUMBERS.				BAPTISMS.		CHURCH PROPERTY.			BENEVOLENT CONTRIBUTIONS.						Centenary.		
	Members.	Deaths.	Probationers.	Local Preachers.	Adults.	Children.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages.	Probable Value.	Conference Claimants.	Church Missionary Society.	S. S. Missionary Society.	Church Extens'n Society.	Tract Society.	Bible Society.	S. S. Union.	
1856..	9,376	132	1,624	159	...	...	93	\$195,000	50	\$44,900	\$268 44	\$2,179 12	...	...	\$20 23	\$324 05	...
1857..	10,680	123	2,070	140	952	321	108	191,200	62	50,500	479 15	2,975 77	...	...	99 52	1,224 33	\$62 15
1858..	13,067	138	3,964	146	2,239	575	115	197,710	70	58,950	607 44	2,501 90	...	...	47 28	505 65	84 11
1859..	14,303	161	2,418	176	925	545	118	229,900	77	50,325	600 53	2,873 77	...	...	49 37	773 24	135 79
1860..	14,552	162	1,964	187	662	503	125	234,600	76	50,158	621 35	3,514 45	...	...	12 18	659 11	94 26
1861..	14,626	157	1,919	191	675	413	122	241,150	81	52,495	526 82	2,649 89	...	...	42 10	727 14	497 34
1862..	14,187	188	1,585	181	470	406	123	264,800	77	53,370	570 43	3,251 66	...	...	62 39	729 18	79 26
1863..	14,564	230	1,430	182	410	510	131	285,250	80	61,175	714 14	8,057 07	...	...	85 29	1,064 22	153 10
1864..	14,518	238	1,245	205	393	455	139	375,200	85	69,150	863 15	7,481 18	...	...	108 35	960 84	152 50
1865..	14,535	174	1,579	172	578	483	135	463,900	87	76,050	996 30	10,180 39	...	...	148 33	451 22	171 27
1866..	15,358	217	2,123	181	934	543	147	555,200	91	99,350	1,029 89	9,194 42	...	...	\$475 90	187 29	843 28
1867..	16,856	188	2,512	216	1,097	564	159	721,900	98	125,550	1,067 62	7,804 60	...	...	226 36	189 82	637 26
1868..	17,910	170	2,518	211	1,116	648	162	884,700	100	126,280	1,318 04	9,070 45	\$630 22	384 74	240 52	1,017 50	314 62	717 30
1869..	18,474	234	2,377	185	1,116	630	178	1,040,640	104	133,350	1,315 28	7,735 61	1,633 85	623 34	219 12	739 02	301 65	...
1870..	19,501	236	3,039	201	1,339	746	193	1,133,750	110	161,650	1,177 64	6,039 84	1,739 08	723 16	308 04	818 35	329 70	148 00
.....	2,748	12,906	7,342	\$12,156 22	\$86,510 12	\$4,012 15	\$2,433 50	\$1,828 83	\$11,474 39	\$2,971 37	\$19,297 71	

Aggregate collections for fifteen years..... \$140,684 29
 For Freedmen, about..... 500 00
 Value of Churches and Parsonages..... 1,275,400 00

Paid, on account, to the Head of the Church, for *our own benefit*..... \$1,416,584 29

[This showing is based on printed Annual Minutes, and is respectfully dedicated, by the Secretary.]

[M.]
ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

COLLECTIONS.

DETROIT DISTRICT.

	CASH.		CASH.
Central Church.....	\$250 00	Northville.....	\$2 00
Lafayette	6 00	Southfield	40
Wyandotte.....	10 00	Pontiac	15 00
Simpson Chapel.....	10 00	New Boston	4 40
Flat Rock.....	10 00	Wayne	4 40
Lee Chapel	4 80	Royal Oak	2 60
Belleville and Sheldon's...	15 30		
			<hr/> \$334 50

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

	CASH.		CASH.
Ann Arbor	\$50 00	Dexter.....	\$10 50
Dixboro.....	1 00	Chelsea	1 00
Ypsilanti	24 09	Franciscoville and Leoni ..	3 85
Augusta	6 00	Brighton	2 31
Saline	8 03	Henrietta	8 10
			<hr/> \$114 88

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

	CASH.		CASH.
Adrian.....	\$45 00	Ida	\$1 45
Napoleon.....	1 00	Clayton	4 00
Hudson	12 00	Sharon.....	5 15
Morenci.....	13 00	Addison	10 00
Fairfield	13 25	Palmyra	4 00
Blissfield.....	5 00	Ridgeway	3 00
Lambertville	3 00		
			<hr/> \$119 85

OWOSO DISTRICT.

	CASH.		CASH.
Owosso	\$2 50	Fowlerville	\$1 00
Linden	1 00	Vernon	2 00
Perry	1 00	Holly	1 00
Byron	10 00	Davisburgh	1 45
Highland	2 00		
			<hr/> \$21 95

FLINT DISTRICT.

	CASH.		CASH.
Garland Street	\$11 10	Tittabawassee	\$1 00
Swartz Creek	3 51	Vassar	6 00
Flushing	3 15	Cass City	76
Hazelton	5 00	Unionville	1 00
Mt. Morris	4 00	Watrousville	1 38
Tuscola	4 00	Millington	2 60
Portsmouth	1 00		
			\$44 50

ROMEO DISTRICT.

	CASH.		CASH.
Romeo	\$9 66	Almont	\$10 00
Mt. Clemens	5 20	Dryden	2 00
Washington	2 25	Chesterfield	4 00
Oxford	5 00	Goodrich	1 00
Brandon	2 40	Mill Creek	1 10
Lapeer	6 00		
			\$48 61

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

	CASH.		CASH.
Port Huron	\$11 11	Ruby	\$3 65
Marysville	5 00	Lakeport	1 25
Algonac	16 00	Davisville	2 40
Memphis	4 00	Port Sanilac	7 00
Richmond	7 00	Harrisville	3 00
Brockway	7 00		
			\$67 41

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

	CASH.		CASH.
Marquette	\$5 00	Clifton	\$5 00
Houghton	1 00	Calumet	5 30
Hancock	115 70		
			\$132 00

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

	CASH.		CASH.
Detroit District	\$334 50	Romeo District	\$48 61
Ann Arbor District	114 88	Flint District	44 50
Adrian District	119 85	Port Huron District	67 41
Owosso District	21 95	Lake Superior District	132 00
			\$863 70
Conference collection			49 41
Cash unaccounted for			2 00
Total collection			\$915 11

There are receipts from Ann Arbor District, Rev. S. Clements, P. E., of moneys applied in liquidation of indebtedness on Oakville church, and being within the bounds of said District, not included above:

Saline.....	\$7 50	Henrietta	\$4 85
Chelsea	13 00	Unadilla	7 50
Lima and North Lake	3 33	Oakville	7 87

			\$44 05

[N.]

ON BIBLE CAUSE.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

The Christian, whenever he turns his thoughts to the most holy word of God, readily responds to its own testimony:

“O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven; concerning Thy testimonies, I have known of old Thou hast founded them forever; the righteousness of Thy testimonies is everlasting.”

“A lamp within the lofty dome
Of the dim world whose radiance clear doth shine.”

God’s own blessed Word brings to our knowledge His dealings with past ages, moral precepts for our use, and “promises whereby we may escape from the corruption that is in this world, and be made partakers of the Divine nature.”

This Word is necessary for the legislator, the citizen, and the Christian, at all times. The darkness, disorder and spiritual death prevailing where the Bible is either not known, misinterpreted or rejected, shows how much this wise counsel of God is needed, and as it has been the aim of the American Bible Society during the past years of its existence, as it is now its present effort, to unite all Christians and good citizens in the work of placing the Word of God within the reach of all the people of every land, therefore

Resolved, 1. We will continue to exert the influence of our prayers and contributions for the support and advancement of the claims and interests of the American Bible Society.

2. It is the privilege and duty of each and all to maintain and teach the uncorrupted Word of God as well as to obey its moral precepts.

3. It is the right and duty of every American citizen to put forth his best endeavors to maintain the recognition and freedom of the Bible in the State, school and society.

H. O. PARKER, *Chairman.*

[O.]

ON TEMPERANCE.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

Intemperance is one of those irrepressible evils which can never cease to agitate the public mind. Its victims are so numerous, and its evil consequences are so varied, so patent to the public gaze, and so shocking to all the better feelings of the human heart, that good men can not, if they would, shut their eyes to its enormities. Every youth ensnared by this fell destroyer, every criminal sent to prison by its influence, every case of delirium tremens and premature death startles the public and compels the humane and benevolent everywhere to inquire if some measure can not be devised to eradicate, or, at least, to mitigate this evil.

Early education is very important in our contest with intemperance. We can not too early nor too forcibly impress upon the minds of our children the criminality and terrible consequences of buying, selling or drinking intoxicating liquors. Let them, as soon as possible, learn to hate the whole drunkard-making business.

Let the subject be discussed in the pulpit, by the press, upon the rostrum, and keep the public mind alive and sensitive to the enormities of this business. Let the people be pledged to total abstinence, and then let us remove temptation by removing the dram shops. No temperance reformation can be permanent and effectual while the dram shops are suffered to exist in our midst. These must be removed by law. No other power can reach them. And for this purpose the more simple the law, and the more summary in its action, the better.

Liquor selling establishments should be treated as contraband, and whenever liquors are found for sale they should be forfeited to the government and subject to instant destruction, and the seller should be compelled to give bonds, under a heavy penalty of fine and imprisonment, never to sell again within the State.

This involves, of course, political action, and, as citizens, we speak just as freely upon the political aspects of this question as we do as ministers upon its moral and religious bearings. The Methodist Episcopal Church has been second to no other in this country in sustaining the great moral reform movements of the age by all legitimate methods and appliances, and she will not waver now in the face of the greatest scourge that ever cursed the world. She pledges her membership against both the use of and the traffic in intoxicating liquors; calls upon her ministers to preach upon the subject, directs her Presiding Elders to call special attention to it in her Quarterly Conferences. Her chief ministers have ever been the

most fearless and persistent in their opposition to both the drinking habits of society and the pernicious traffic which fosters them.

Speaking of the traffic, says John Wesley, "All who sell liquors in the common way, to any that will buy, are poisoners general. They murder his Majesty's subjects by wholesale; neither does their eye pity or spare; they drive them to hell like sheep."

Says Wilbur Fisk: "The great object is to get public opinion so corrected upon this subject that it will not only be disreputable to deal in this article of merchandise, but that it may be made a contraband of trade, and that it may be considered, as it really is, high treason against the interests of the nation, and an offense against the peace of society to be engaged in this traffic. * * * The dram shop is the recruiting rendezvous of hell. * * * Let our ministers take special pains to enlighten the people upon this subject in private and in public. We should not be driven from our purpose by the cry which some of our hearers raise against such preaching."

Among many other noble utterances upon this subject, our last General Conference unanimously adopted the following: "We rejoice to notice the steadfast growth of this sentiment in the laws of the State. In many ways is this reform exhibiting itself. Stringent laws for the partial suppression of the sale of intoxicating drinks have been enacted, and in some counties are faithfully and beneficially executed. This is the right step to the true, ultimate, and only consistent end of all such legislation, the complete suppression of its sale for such purposes. This step has also been successfully taken. In several States of the Union such laws have been executed with general, and in many cases perfect, success. Hundreds of villages, and even large towns, in Maine, Massachusetts and Vermont, have no open places where intoxicating spirits are publicly sold.

"The efforts made in some States to overthrow these laws by the liquor traffic have been partially successful. But we devoutly rejoice that there is already a reaction in favor of this cause which will restore it to more than its former vigor. This law should prevail through all the land. Our rescued people of the South greatly need its protection, so that the liberties they have just received may not prove an occasion of their ruin. Our foreign population require it to deliver them from the vices which their Old World habits have wrought in them, and to build them up in virtue. Our Indian tribes need it to transform them from savages to men, as the white man's whisky now transforms them from savages to demons. Our men in authority need it to preserve them from temptations that assail those in high places, and who too often, and even lately, in our history, have mantled the face of the people with shame as they have heard how the wine cup and the whisky glass have caused these, their national representatives and guardians, to become a national dishonor."

We believe that it is high time for all good citizens to demand that the men who present themselves for their suffrages should not only be intelligent and honest, but sober and temperate, and that all political parties should be made to understand that the day has come when they can no longer command their votes for drunkenness or for the opposers of effective prohibitory legislation.

We have demonstrated in many places in this State, during the past few years, the beneficial effects of the prohibitory law, enforcing it as readily, wherever prosecutions have been properly brought, as any other law on the statute book.

We fully believe that it is in the power of the Christian people of this State, if united, to secure and enforce a law which will substantially annihilate the open dram shops which are now so boldly tempting so many of our best men, young and old, to their ruin. Can we unite for a noble purpose? Let us but determine that it shall be done, and the work is half accomplished. We submit for readoption and confirmation the following resolutions, passed by our last General Conference:

1. We gratefully acknowledge the goodness of God in stirring up the hearts of the people to see and feel, and attempt to remove the great evil of intemperance.
2. We regret the prevalence of this vice among all classes in our land, and especially lament the late frequent revelation of its hateful and harmful power in the highest places of authority and honor. We beseech those who rule over us to be themselves ensamples in the self-control which alone will make them worthy to control the nation.
3. We hail every legal measure to effectually restrain and extirpate this chief crime against society, and trust the law of prohibition, a law holy, just and good, may yet be the enactment of every State, and of the national Congress, and be successfully executed throughout all our empire.
4. We urge our brethren in no way, by any purposed co-operation through the enticement of business or politics, to encourage this evil, but to carefully abstain from all such temptations, that the Church may receive no harm, but may present a uniform front against the worst foe of Christ and souls.
5. We recommend all our ministers to preach on temperance on the fourth Sabbath in June in each year, and to use their influence to secure a temperance celebration of the 4th of July by the Sabbath Schools and other associations.

J. S. SMART, *Chairman.*

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CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

(Adopted August 29th, 1870.)

DETROIT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	Claim, including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf'nce Claim'ts.
DISTRICT.....	F. A. Blades, P. E...	\$2,100 00	\$2,100 00	.....	.....
Central Church*.....	G. G. Lyon	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....	\$125 00
Lafayette Avenue.....	E. E. Caster.....	1,500 00	1,800 00	.....	16 00
Jefferson Avenue.....	A. F. Bournes.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	7 10
Seventh Street.....	T. J. Joslin.....	1,600 00	1,500 00	\$100 00	12 00
Trenton	C. W. Austin.....	750 00	750 00	.....	4 50
Wyandotte.....	W. J. Campbell	900 00	850 00	50 00	15 00
Flat Rock	S. Kitzmiller.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	11 00
Wayne.....	J. A. McIlwain.....	500 00	800 00	.....	4 50
Dearborn.....	A. Allen.....	575 00	425 00	150 00	.....
Lee Chapel.....	Thomas Wakelin.....	600 00	505 00	95 00	4 00
Plymouth	S. P. Warner.....	800 00	550 00	250 00	6 49
Belleville and Sheldon's	J. Kilpatrick.....	872 00	872 00	.....	12 35
Birmingham	R. Bird.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	5 56
Warren and Royal Oak.....	A. C. Shaw.....	.....	.....	.....	1 50
Farmington	R. S. Pardington	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	3 25
Northville.....	J. W. Crippen.....	650 00	600 00	.....	5 00
Commerce.....	S. W. Noyes.....	675 00	675 00	.....	4 00
Southfield.....	A. W. Wilson.....	600 00	600 00	.....	2 00
Pontiac	W. H. Shier.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....	23 93
New Boston.....	J. G. Morgan.....	900 00	850 00	50 00	6 00
Walled Lake.....	T. Nichols.....	700 00	700 00	.....	3 66
		\$23,522 00	\$22,827 00	\$695 00	\$272 84

* This includes the salaries paid to the different pastors at this church during the year.

ANN ARBOR DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	Claim, including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf'nce Claim'ts.
DISTRICT.....	S. Clements, P. E ...	\$1,800 00	\$1,730 00	\$70 00	.....
Ann Arbor.....	L. R. Fisk	2,200 00	2,200 00	.....	\$23 50
Dixboro.....	R. H. Crane.....	750 00	750 00	.....	1 00
Ypsilanti	Luther Lee.....	1,650 00	1,650 00	.....	70 00
Augusta.....	Wm. Triggs	750 00	700 81	20 19	7 00
Oakville	E. Bibbins.....	620 00	520 00	100 00	6 15
Saline	G. W. Lowe	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	13 00
Dexter	W. C. Way.....	900 00	900 00	.....	10 00
Chelsea	D. Casler.....	850 00	850 00	.....	10 60
Franciscoville	H. Hodskiss.....	500 00	475 00	.....	5 20
Grass Lake	A. J. Bigelow.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	7 00
Henrietta	J. H. Carnalia.....	600 00	600 00	.....	8 40
Unadilla	N. Newton.....	650 00	650 00	.....	11 00
Pinkney	J. W. Scott.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lima and North Lake	E. Van Norman.....	615 00	570 00	45 00	3 51
Hamburg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brighton	W. J. Clack.....	800 00	649 41	150 59	6 25
South Lyon {	J. R. Cordon.....	750 00	750 00	.....	10 50
Milford.....	J. A. Rutan.....	300 00	300 00	.....	.....
	L. J. Whitecomb	900 00	900 00	.....	14 20
		\$15,835 00	\$15,440 22	\$394 78	\$167 31

ADRIAN DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	Claim, including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf'nce Claim'ts.
DISTRICT	D. C. Jacokes.....	\$2,100 00	\$2,100 00	.....	.....
Adrian	J. S. Smart.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	\$34 00
Tecumseh	L. H. Dean.....	1,050 00	950 00	\$100 00	.....
Clinton and Macon	S. Bessey.....	775 00	586 00	.....	14 00
Manchester.....	J. C. Wortley.....	1,275 00	1,275 00	.....	14 00
Napoleon.....	F. W. Warren.....	1,150 00	850 00	300 00	3 00
Franklin	P. L. Turner.....	875 00	875 00	.....	7 00
Addison	C. T. Allen.....	900 00	900 00	.....	7 50
Hudson	T. Stalker.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	9 00
Medina.....	L. C. York.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	1 00
Morenci.....	O. J. Perrin.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	8 00
Fairfield.....	A. R. Hazen.....	850 00	850 00	.....	17 00
Blissfield	J. S. Joslin.....	850 00	850 00	.....	1 00
Petersburg	J. M. Gordon.....	1,100 00	1,000 00	100 00	2 74
Lambertville	J. B. Russell.....	700 00	481 10	218 90	5 87
Ida	S. Bibbins.....	400 00	257 00	143 00	1 00
Monroe	J. Venning.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	3 00
Dundee.....	J. H. McClure.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ridgeway.....	H N. Brown.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	5 00
Brooklyn	E. Wigle	650 00	650 00	.....	1 35
West Milan	M. J. Scott.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Clayton	Wm. Benson.....	800 00	800 00	.....	6 00
Sharon	J. S. Sutton.....	800 00	800 00	.....	3 10
Palmyra.....	H. H. Smith.....	500 00	300 00	200 00	4 03
		\$22,675 00	\$21,013 10	\$1,061 90	\$147 59

OWOSO DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	Claim including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf'nce Claim'ts.
DISTRICT.....	Wm. Fox, P. E.....	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	.....	.....
Owosso	E. H. Pilcher.....	800 00	500 00	.....	\$15 00
Corunna.....	F. W. May.....	800 00	475 00	\$225 00	4 00
Linden	D. W. Hammond.....	600 00	600 00	.....	5 00
Laingsburg	A. B. Clough.....	770 00	570 00	200 00	10 00
Perry.....	J. H. Caster.....	700 00	700 00	.....	10 00
Byron	O. Sanborn.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	.....	3 00
Oak Grove.....	A. Gee.....	900 00	750 00	150 00	3 00
Fenton	I. N. Elwood.....	1,000 00	831 00	.....	9 90
Hartland	A. J. Richards.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	10 00
Highland	J. Balls.....	625 00	625 00	.....	13 15
Howell	J. F. Davidson.....	1,300 00	1,100 00	200 00	6 20
Fowlerville	E. H. Brockway.....	900 00	850 00	50 00	4 00
Dansville	J. W. Holt.....	930 00	830 00	100 00	3 00
Williamston, {	J. B. Varnum.....	631 00	482 00	149 00	1 25
Vernon	J. J. Gurney.....	250 00	.....	.....	.....
Chesaning	J. Maywood.....	600 00	600 00	.....	2 00
St. Charles	H. W. Hicks.....	750 00	750 00	.....	7 00
Holly	C. Simpson.....	800 00	800 00	.....	1 00
Davisburgh	Wm. Taylor.....	1,000 00	933 17	66 83	13 30
New Haven	S. Bird.....	742 00	742 00	.....	8 00
Bennington.....	T. G. Omans.....	550 00	415 25	134 75	.....
	Thos. Wilkinson...	600 00	600 00	.....	6 50
		\$18,398 00	\$17,122 42	\$1,275 58	\$135 30

FLINT DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	Claim, Including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf'nce Claim'ts.
DISTRICT	M. Hickey, P. E...	\$1,650 00	\$1,620 23	\$29 77	.....
Flint—Court Street.....	T. C. Gardner	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	\$15 00
Garland Street.....	W. Q. Burnett.....	1,250 00	1,250 00	.....	10 00
Flushing	J. Kelley.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	10 00
Hazleton.....	J. B. Goss.....	600 00	550 50	50 00	3 00
Mt. Morris.....	W. Hagadorne	825 00	825 00	.....	4 17
Tuscola and Clio.....	W. Birdsall.....	800 00	600 00	200 00	4 00
Grand Blanc.....	O. Whitmore.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	14 65
Saginaw City.....	G. I. Betts.....	1,500 00	1,425 00	75 00	7 00
East Saginaw.....	J. H. McCarty.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	30 00
South Saginaw.....	S. B. Kimmell.....	900 00	900 00	.....	5 00
Portsmouth.....	L. Barnes.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	5 00
Midland City.....	J. Hamilton.....	900 00	593 07	306 93	3 00
Tittabawasee.....	I. H. Camburn.....	.....	.....	.....	2 75
Bay City.....	J. H. Burnham.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....	16 00
Wenona	J. Horton.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	.....	1 00
Vassar.....	J. O. Bancroft.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	9 00
Caro.....	R. C. Lanning.....	800 00	680 00	120 00	.....
Cass City	J. E. Withey.....	650 00	517 13	132 87	.....
Unionville.....	A. Whitcomb.....	450 00	400 00	50 00	2 00
Caseville.....	E. Klumph.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dayton and Kingston.....	L. L. Houghton.....	650 00	650 00	.....	1 00
Millington.....	J. Hodge.....	400 00	212 00	188 00	2 75
Forrest	L. S. Tedman.....	800 00	800 00	.....	12 00
Kawkawling.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swan Creek.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Koylton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Swartz Creek.....	C. Mosher	700 00	700 00	.....	19 90
Watrousville	S. P. Gurney.....	350 00	385 00	.....	2 75
		\$23,775 00	\$22,622 43	\$1,152 57	\$179 97

ROMEO DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	Claim, Including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf'nce Claim'ts.
DISTRICT.....	Seth Reed, P. E...	\$1,200 00	\$1,178 00	\$22 00	.....
Romeo	W. E. Bigelow	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	\$21 38
Mt. Clemens.....	B. S. Taylor.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	5 25
Utica	W. Mahon.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Washington	R. Gage.....	770 00	770 00	.....	5 60
Orion.....	B. H. Hedger.....	800 00	800 00	.....	12 00
Rochester.....	H. Hood.....	800 00	408 00	392 00	2 35
Oxford.....	W. H. Benton.....	850 00	850 00	.....	5 75
Brandon.....	J. Wesley.....	760 00	560 00	200 00	1 00
Lapeer.....	A. R. Bartlett.....	900 00	900 00	.....	10 00
North Branch.....	A. S. Fair.....	550 00	550 00	.....	2 00
Almont.....	J. Armstrong.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	.....	11 00
Dryden	S. J. Brown.....	700 00	583 00	117 00	2 00
Armada.....	S. E. Warren.....	800 00	800 00	.....	10 00
Chesterfield	R. McConnell.....	700 00	640 00	60 00	4 30
Hadley	G. W. Owen.....	.....	.....	.....	2 00
Goodrich	J. Johnston.....	600 00	600 00	.....	1 00
Clarkston.....	B. F. Prichard.....	940 00	940 00	.....	5 00
Mill Creek.....	J. Riley.....	770 00	491 00	238 19	4 40
Troy	A. B. Wood.....	600 00	540 00	60 00	.....
		\$15,050 00	\$13,960 89	\$1,089 19	\$105 03

PORT HURON DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	Claim. including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf'nce Claim'ts.
DISTRICT.....	T. G. Potter, P. E.	\$1,500 00	\$1,500 00	.....	.....
Port Huron.....	H. O. Parker.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	\$40 00
Gratiot.....	G. R. Davis.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....
Marysville.....	J. H. McIntosh.....	600 00	550 00	\$50 00	10 00
St. Clair.....	N. Green.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	5 00
Marine City.....	J. Levington.....	1,000 00	630 00	370 00	2 00
Algonac.....	A. R. Laing.....	725 00	725 00	.....	18 00
Memphis.....	W. P. Maywood.....	600 00	600 00	.....	5 00
Richmond.....	C. L. Church.....	720 00	670 00	50 00	10 00
Brockway.....	G. L. Sparling.....	551 00	454 00	97 00	2 00
Ruby.....	F. E. York.....	650 00	650 00	.....	4 10
Lakeport.....	G. M. Lyon.....	650 00	650 00	.....	1 50
Lexington.....	J. G. Whitcomb.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	2 00
Davisville.....	J. S. Walker.....	550 00	425 00	125 00	.....
Port Sanilac.....	A. W. Harding.....	650 00	650 00	.....	7 00
Forester.....	W. Donely.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	4 25
Sand Beach.....	P. Wright.....	700 00	500 00	200 00	.....
Huron City.....	W. E. Dunning.....	800 00	800 00	.....	5 00
Austin.....	J. A. Dunlap.....	550 00	425 00	125 00	3 00
Verona.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tawas.....	E. Barry.....	825 00	825 00	.....	2 60
Au Sauble.....	T. C. Higgins.....	800 00	800 00	.....	30 00
Harrisville.....	A. N. Shepherd.....	740 00	740 00	.....	2 00
Alpena.....	N. W. Pierce.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	1 00
Belle River.....	E. Steer.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
		\$18,910 00	\$18,813 00	\$1,097 00	\$154 45

LAKE SUPERIOR DISTRICT.

CHARGES.	NAMES.	Claim. including House Rent.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Col. for Conf'nce claimants
DISTRICT.....	C. M. Anderson, P. E.	\$1,300 00	\$1,300 00	.....	.....
Iroquois Point.....	P. Marksman.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Marquette.....	J. T. Hankinson.....	1,800 00	1,800 00	.....	\$5 00
Negaunee.....	C. C. Yemans.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	.....
Clarksburg.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Houghton.....	D. O. Ball.....	1,200 00	800 00	400 00	4 50
Hancock.....	J. Frazer.....	1,200 00	1,125 00	75 00	10 00
Calumet.....	S. W. LaDu.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	23 20
Keweenaw.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Eagle Harbor.....	J. R. Noble.....	800 00	600 00	200 00	3 00
Clifton.....	Geo. Stow.....	1,150 00	1,150 00	.....	6 00
Rockland and Maple Grove..	E. W. Frazee.....	650 00	650 00	.....	3 00
		\$10,500 00	\$9,825 00	\$675 00	\$54 70

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	Claim.	Receipts.	Deficit.	Collected for Conference Claimants.
Detroit.....	\$23,522 00	\$22,827 00	695 00	\$272 84
Ann Arbor.....	15,835 00	15,440 22	394 78	167 31
Adrian.....	22,675 00	21,613 10	1,061 90	147 59
Owosso.....	18,398 00	17,122 42	1,275 58	135 30
Flint.....	23,775 00	22,622 43	1,152 57	179 97
Romeo	15,050 00	13,960 89	1,089 19	105 03
Port Huron.....	18,910 00	18,813 00	1,097 00	154 45
Lake Superior.....	10,500 00	9,825 00	675 00	54 70
Total.....	\$148,665 00	\$141,224 76	\$7,440 24	\$1,217 59

[Q.]**ON TRACTS.***Adopted August 29th, 1870.*

Your Committee on Tracts beg leave to submit the following: Whole amount of collections for Conference year ending August 24th, 1870, is \$368.06, of which amount \$202 46 was forwarded to New York, Chicago and Detroit, leaving in our hands \$165.60, which amount has been handed over to Messrs. Hitchcock & Walden, for which we hold their receipt.

BY DISTRICTS.

	Cash.	Forwarded.	Total.
Detroit.....	\$48 11	\$46 44	\$94 55
Ann Arbor.....	14 45	28 04	42 49
Adrian.....	21 15	15 54	36 69
Owosso	30 54	42 68	73 52
Flint	11 70	27 61	39 31
Romeo	10 92	4 10	15 02
Port Huron	18 70	30 75	49 45
Lake Superior	7 75	7 00	14 75
Excess of count.....	2 28	2 28
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	\$165 60	\$202 46	\$368 06
Total last year.....			203 95
Increase.....			\$64 11

B. F. PRITCHARD, *Chairman.*

DETROIT CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT FOR 1869-70.

Names of persons made members of the Parent, Conference and Juvenile Missionary Societies:

NOTE.—Many Certificates were taken, and no names were handed to the Secretary, consequently they do not appear.

Detroit District.

SOUTHFIELD.

Parent—Mrs. J. A. Wilson.

TRENTON.

Conference—Miss M. A. Van Horn, Mrs. D. Gavelin.

Juvenile—Kate Duddleson, Hattie Baker, John Neff, Jr.

BIRMINGHAM.

Juvenile—W. L. Holmes, Minnie Cook, W. E. Bodine, Alice Pearsell, Ida M. Millard, William Stewart, Alice Allen.

NEW BOSTON.

Conference—Mary Fell, Matilda Emory, Auletta Wells, Inez A. Evans, Effie E. Fletcher, Julia Richards.

Juvenile—Edwin A. Hall.

FLAT ROCK.

Conference—Hattie Littlefield, Mary Littlefield, Eugenia Root, Adelia Chamberlain, L. N. Rumsney.

Juvenile—Selwyn Morey, John Kitzmiller, W. A. Parmely, Mattie Burton, W. J. Brown, J. T. Carter, W. B. Lawton, F. Dixon, E. Clark.

LEE CHAPEL.

Parent—Mrs. T. Wakelin.

FARMINGTON.

Conference—Emma Webster, Anna Mason, Sarah Roab, Eva Batcheler.

COMMERCE.

Conference—Esther Colvin, E. Colvin, H. M. Hunt, Clara M. Greer, Frank Webster, M. Beal.

Juvenile—L. Simpson, E. C. Harrington, C. Hunt, C. J. Dewey, S. Welsh, F. Welsh, L. Greer, Fred. Kelly.

PLYMOUTH.

Juvenile—E. Ruthruff, S. Congdon, M. Clayton, P. A. Warner, E. Madden, E. Tressman.

BELLEVILLE AND SHELDONS.

Conference—Mrs. Jane Randolph, Mrs. M. Sherman, Mrs. M. A. Jackson.

WYANDOTTE.

Conference—C. Orchard, J. Burke, E. Haven.

WAYNE.

Conference—Mary M. Huston, Emma L. Glass, Frances M. Harrison.

Ann Arbor District.

DEXTER.

Parent—Mrs. Ellen T. Alley.

SALINE.

Conference—A. Andrews, S. Hutton, Mrs. E. Webb, E. Shurman, G. Allison.

UNADILLA.

Juvenile—S. Miller, A. Proctor, C. Newton, H. E. Bezzo, Ella E. Bott, W. May, F. E. Bevier.

BRIGHTON.

Conference—Miss Ella Spencer, Mrs. Hattie Durfee, Mrs. Spencer.

CHELSEA.

Parent—Mina Glazier, Ella Woodin, Kate Judson.

Conference—Libbie Berry, Anna Reed, Mary A. Williams.

DIXBORO.

Parent—Mrs. Laura A. Cram.

MILFORD.

Conference—Alice Potter, Nellie Soulby, Mary Diehl, Laura Potts, Miss Forbush.

Juvenile—Hellen Vrieth.

OAKVILLE.

Parent—E. Vedder.

Conference—L. A. Bradshaw, M. A. Spaulding.

Juvenile—George Howe, L. Howe, Julia Blackburn, C. Palmer, J. Snell, C. Palmer.

Adrian District.

MANCHESTER.

Parent—Mrs. Amos Dickerson, Miss Sarah Aldrich.

Conference—Mrs. Jacob Perrin.

Juvenile—F. Gage, J. C. Lobdell, S. Parsons, C. H. Fairchild, Jennie A. Perkins, G. Allen.

ADDISON.

Parent—Frances Rockwell, A. Van Amburg.

CLIFTON AND MACON.

Conference—S. L. Cambourn, L. E. Priest, Addie Ellis.

IDA.

Conference—Lucy A. Snell.

LAMBERTSVILLE.

Conference—Lucy Hitchcock, Lucy Parker, Lillian Peck.

BLISSFIELD.

Parent—Miss Laura Templeton.

Juvenile—Maria Bird, Willie Clark.

PALMYRA.

Conference—H. H. Smith, Mary Lambert.

Parent—Maggie Freeman.

MORENCI.

Parent—Mrs. S. Scofield, Rosy Baker, Jane Palmer.

Conference—Miss Ella Osgood.

Owosso District.

LINDEN.

Parent—Mrs. Sophia Hyatt.

Conference—Eva Christian.

Juvenile—Miss C. Buck.

CHESSANING.

Conference—A. S. Pratt, S. H. Hicks.

Juvenile—Alice Niner.

HARTLAND.

Conference—A. F. Crittenden, F. Kellogg, Miss White, E. Stewart,—Seaman, N. J. Love, L. Carmer, Ettie Street,—Finchem.

HOWELL.

Conference—E. A. Mitchell, M. A. Lancaster, Jane C. Cole.

Juvenile—R. Wood, A. Briggs, L. B. Spencer, A. Smith, W. Wallace, Mary Tucker, J. Brown, H. Briggs.

HOLLY.

Parent—Cora C. Kendall, Mary C. Lowry.

Conference—E. A. Grinnam, F. Ostrander.

PERRY.

Conference—Hattie Beckley, Ruth E. Braddus, Adeline Enter.

Juvenile—Emily Ely, Eva Davis.

OWOSO.

Conference—Hattie Bogue, Hattie Hopkins.

Juvenile—A. Henderson, R. Gates, J. Shaffer, C. Blanchard, A. D. Wood, S. Cornell, A. Cornell, G. Thom.

HIGHLAND.

Conference—Miss A. Jorden, S. C. Fall, A. C. Stiff, G. Gregory, G. Waterbury, M. Law, M. Schad.

ST. CHARLES.

Conference—Miss K. Penoyer.

DAVISBURG.

Conference—Miss M. Winfield.

OAK GROVE.

Parent—Mrs. M. Goodnow.

Conference—Hellen J. Taft, Hattie Holsomb.

VERNON.

Conference—Adelia Dorance, Hellen Reed, Emma Kosarb, Annie Alger, Mrs. Johnson.

FOWLERVILLE.

Conference—Lydia Burkhart, M. Selsby, T. Van Gorden, Ada E. Whitaker, Ruth Sanfield.

LAINGSBURG.

Conference—Mrs. Mary Levy, A. F. Warren, E. B. House, Ida Howard, Betsy Gould.

Juvenile—Lucy A. Eddy, E. Leech.

Flint District.

GARLAND STREET.

Conference—Miss Julia Dullam, Sophia Crocker.

SWARTZ CREEK.

Conference—Miss E. Ball, Hattie Brown, A. Thompson.

HAZELTON.

Conference—Rev. A. B. Goss, Anna L. Martin.

Juvenile—C. Burrett, Ella Reed.

MT. MORRIS.

Conference—Miss A. Johnson, C. Van Wort, S. Whitlock.

PORTSMOUTH.

Conference—Mary Schawbd.

TUSCOLA.

Conference—Sarah Wycoff.

FOREST.

Conference—Mary Harrington, Emma Wolman, E. Rising, L. Lee, E. Tower.

UNIONVILLE.

Parent—Mrs. Anna Fox, Lucy L. Granger.

Conference—Mrs. H. Stinner.

Juvenile—Huldah Santee.

VASSAR.

Parent—Nellie Bancroft.

Conference—Martha Lake, Helen Burgess, E. A. Nickerson.

Juvenile—Ella Moore, Cora Irons, Celia McHose, F. Davis, M. Graham, M. North.

Romeo District.

OXFORD.

Conference—Master Albert Furnald.

Juvenile—Minnie Swift, Anna Dibble, Julia Blanchard, Nettie Trouis.

CLARKSTON.

Parent—Miss Emma Wager.

TROY.

Conference—Mary A. Mosey.

Juvenile—Emma Howell, E. Weaver, G. Chipman.

BRANDON.

Juvenile—Sarah Johnson.*Conference*—Loisa Hough.

MILL CREEK.

Parent—Mrs. Robert White, Mrs. J. Riley.

GOODRICH.

Parent—Amelia S. Pengrass.*Conference*—E. A. Merrill.

CHESTERFIELD.

Conference—Sarah Van Horn, Sarah Baltemly, A. Fuller, E. Dennis, E. Light.

ALMONT.

Parent—Temperance Burrows.*Conference*—D. Cooley, Mrs. M. J. Townsend, Mrs. I. Allen.

WASHINGTON.

Conference—L. Giddings, L. Tucker, Mary Kohler, F. L. Davis, A. Chapin.**Port Huron District.**

PORT HURON.

Parent—J. McCormick, Mrs. C. McMullen, E. Foster, M. Hyde, G. W. Bedford.*Conference*—Carrie Follensbee, B. Hillier, J. E. Quick, J. B. Robinson.

RUBY.

Parent—Clarissa Barnes.*Conference*—M. H. Atkins, D. Kanouts, Jessie Forester.

FORESTER.

Parent—Miss Ella Goff.

BROCKWAY.

Conference—Sarah and Mary Ann Clayton, Naomi Becket, Miss Evans, Ellen Stoehouse, Miss Houghton, L. Hannah.

ALGONAC.

Parent—Sarah Moore, Mrs. D. A. Skinner.*Conference*—E. A. Fish, Mary A. Irons.

MARYSVILLE.

Conference—Tam Williams, Margaret Mason.

DAVISVILLE.

Conference—Maggie Grout, Sarah Shell.

MEMPHIS.

Parent—Mary J. Butt.*Conference*—Eva Van Martyr, Eliza Burt.*Juvenile*—Mary Ella Mansfield, Flora Eaton, H. E. Henderson, E. Eaton, E. H. Beach.

PORT SANILAC.

Conference—Margaret Wahley.*Juvenile*—Willie S. Warding.

Lake Superior District.

ROCKLAND AND MAPLE GROVE.

Juvenile—M. E. Congden, Susan Trewalla.

HOUGHTON.

Conference—Mrs. F. G. White, Capt. S. B. Harris, Simon Trestrail, Ella E. Ladue, Sarah Craye.

CLIFTON.

Conference—Fred G. Stow.R. S. PARDINGTON, *Secretary*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Detroit District.

	CASH.		CASH.
Detroit—Central Church,	\$656 11	Belleville and Sheldons..	\$56 19
Lafayette Avenue...	100 00	Birmingham.....	53 88
Jefferson Avenue ...	80 00	Warren and Royal Oak..	22 20
Simpson Church	70 00	Farmington	53 75
Trenton.....	30 50	Northville.....	20 00
Wyandotte.....	30 00	Commerce	86 00
Flat Rock.....	70 00	Southfield.....	10 00
Wayne	56 20	Pontiac	243 92
Dearborn	8 81	New Boston	64 00
Lee Chapel.....	21 60	Walled Lake	7 75
Plymouth	19 21		
			\$1,760 12

Ann Arbor District.

	CASH.		CASH.
Ann Arbor.....	\$465 04	Grass Lake.....	\$81 40
Dixboro.....	56 00	Henrietta.....	40 00
Ypsilanti	251 11	Unadilla.....	71 00
Augusta	88 00	Pinckney.....	15 00
Oakville	65 00	Lima and North Lake...	34 67
Saline	90 00	Hamburg.....	17 75
Dexter.....	40 00	Brighton.....	32 40
Chelsea	96 10	South Lyon.....	64 25
Franciscoville	40 75	Milford.....	55 23
			\$1,604 20

Adrian District.

	CASH.		CASH.
Adrian	\$377 50	Blissfield	\$32 00
Tecumseh.....	45 00	Petersburg	42 10
Clinton and Macon.....	31 00	Lambertville	35 95
Manchester.....	86 00	Ida	9 35
Napoleon.....	45 00	Monroe	10 00
Franklin	10 00	Ridgeway	71 00
Addison	75 00	Brooklyn.....	20 00
Hudson	86 00	West Milan	9 00
Medina	13 44	Clayton	10 00
Morenci.....	70 00	Sharon.....	40 25
Fairfield	53 35	Palmyra	50 90
			\$1,222 84

Owosso District.

	CASH.		CASH.
Owosso	\$67 15	Fowlerville.....	\$50 00
Corunna	7 91	Dansville	58 00
Linden	35 00	Williamston.....	23 60
Laingsburgh	75 00	Vernon	50 00
Perry	40 00	Chesaning	28 00
Byron	90 00	St. Charles	10 00
Oak Grove	40 00	Holly	70 00
Fentonville.....	95 65	Davisburgh	15 00
Hartland.....	90 00	New Haven.....	5 00
Highland	63 00	Bennington	20 50
Howell	55 59		
			\$988 40

Flint District.

	CASH.		CASH.
Flint—Court Street.....	\$100 00	Midland City.....	\$12 00
Garland Street.....	83 00	Tittabawassee	29 00
Swartz Creek.....	31 41	Bay City.....	53 00
Flushing.....	40 00	Wenona.....	10 00
Hazleton.....	21 00	Vassar	70 35
Mount Morris	31 00	Watrousville and Cairo..	11 00
Tuscola and Clio.....	15 10	Cass City.....	35 00
Grand Blanc	50 65	Unionville	55 00
Saginaw City.....	30 75	Caseville .....	....
East Saginaw.....	50 00	Dayton and Kingston ...	16 75
S. Saginaw & Zilwaukee,	35 00	Millington	22 00
Portsmouth	12 00	Forest	45 00
			<hr/> \$858 41

Romeo District.

	CASH.		CASH.
Romeo	\$133 31	Almont	\$55 00
Mount Clemens.....	12 00	Dryden	20 00
Utica	2 00	Armada.....	20 00
Washington.....	113 05	Chesterfield	41 00
Orion	95 00	Hadley	43 00
Rochester	17 00	Goodrich	32 00
Oxford.....	31 00	Clarkston	20 00
Brandon	14 25	Mill Creek	42 00
Lapeer.....	38 15	Troy	20 00
North Branch	40 00		<hr/> \$788 76

Port Huron District.

	CASH.		CASH.
Port Huron	\$129 90	Davisville	\$25 60
Gratiot.....	15 67	Port Sanilac	15 00
Marysville	25 00	Forester	25 26
St. Clair	10 50	Sand and White Rock ...	3 00
Marine City	15 00	Huron City	30 00
Algonac.....	65 57	Austin.....	14 00
Memphis.....	75 00	Tawas	46 00
Richmond.....	48 00	Au Sauble.....	70 24
Brockway	52 55	Harrisville	8 00
Ruby	65 50	Alpena	8 00
Lakeport.....	12 00	Belle River.....	10 00
Lexington	10 00		<hr/> \$779 79

Lake Superior District.

	CASH.	CASH.
Iroquois Point.....	\$10 50	Kewawenon
Marquette.....	15 00	Eagle Harbor.....
Houghton.....	24 00	Clifton.....
Hancock.....	145 00	Rockland & Maple Grove,
Calumet	150 00	6 00
		<hr/> \$423 50
By public collection.....		25 39
Albion College Missionary Society.....		16 10
Z. S. Hardee.....		5 00
Overrun.....		1 99
Total receipts for year.....		\$8,474 50
Less than last year.....		<hr/> 1,520 99

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Luke Hitchcock	\$7,076 27
for Missions in Detroit Conference.....	1,000 00
Forwarded from Calumet.....	150 00
" Hancock	100 00
" Pontiac	20 00
" Tittabawassee.....	9 00
Bad money.....	95
Cash on hand.....	118 28
	<hr/> \$8,474 50

Respectfully submitted,

A. F. BOURNS, *Treasurer.***WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.****TWO FACTS.**

1. Millions of heathen women are unable to read God's word, and never hear the voice of the Missionary ordained and sent to preach the gospel. Their degraded condition, their influence in their own families, and the worth of their own souls, prove the necessity of sending female teachers to whom they are accessible.

2. The Methodist women of America are able to support many of their own number, as teachers in our foreign mission fields, and those who exercise their ability in this matter will become more intelligent and better Christians.

This Society was organized in Boston, on the 30th of March, 1869, with the approval of the missionary authorities of the Church. It now includes six co-ordinate branches. The Chicago branch includes the States of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JULY, 1871.

INDIA.

Salary and work of Miss Isabella Thoburn.....	\$750 00
" " Clara Swain, M. D.....	750 00
Support of Girls' Orphanage	3,000 00
Hospital for Women	370 00
Bible-Women, Girls' and Zenana Schools.....	3,256 00
Sending two more ladies in 1870	3,500 00
Total for India.....	\$11,626 00

CHINA.

Female work in Fuh Chau, Kiu Kiang and Peking.....	\$300 00
Total appropriation (gold).....	\$11,926 00

The Committee was ready to do more for China, but as no estimates were received, action was deferred. Of these appropriations New England Branch is to raise	\$2,474 00
New York	3,268 00
Philadelphia	544 00
Cincinnati	1,660 00
Chicago.....	3,694 00
St Louis	286 00
Total (gold)	\$11,926 00

Other appropriations may be asked, and it is determined to raise \$20,000 if possible, the Chicago Branch assuming \$6,000. Every member of the Society is pledged to give "two cents per week," or one dollar per year to the Treasury of the Society. Monthly meetings are held for prayer and the reading of missionary intelligence.

AUXILIARY SOCIETIES IN DETROIT CONFERENCE.

CHARGE.	No of Members.	ORGANIZED.	PASTOR.
Adrian.....	80	March, 1870	J. S. Smart.
Central Church, Detroit	219	March, "	J. M. Arnold.
Lafayette Street Church, Detroit.....	80	March, "	} D. D. Buck.
Court Street Church, Flint.....	57	April, "	E. E. Caster.
Garland Street Church, Flint.....	40	April, "	T. C. Gardner.
Holly	15	April, "	W. Q. Burnett.
Simpson Church, Detroit	52	April, "	T. J. Joslin.
Jefferson Avenue Church, Detroit	30	April, "	Wm. Bourns.
Lee Chapel.....	25	April, "	T. Wakelin.
Vassar	40	May, "	J. O. Bancroft.
Fentonville	88	May, "	I. N. Elwood.
Chesaning	11	May, "	H. W. Hicks.
Portsmouth	28	May, "	L. Barnes.
Wenona	43	May, "	I. Horton.
Midland City	18	May, "	J. Hamilton.
Gaines	11	May, "	O. Sanborn.
South Saginaw.....	36	May, "	S. B. Kimmell.
East Saginaw.....	30	May, "	J. H. McCarty.
Mt. Morris.....	23	June, "	W. Hagadorn.
Total	926		

S. A. RULISON,
Ass't Cor. Sec'y Chicago Branch W. F. M. S.

CHURCH EXTENSION.

The Committee on Church Extension would respectfully submit the following report:

The necessity resting imperatively upon us to awaken a more general interest in this agency of our Church to advance the kingdom of Christ on earth and among men, does not appear to have very deeply impressed the minds of the ministry and membership of our Church as yet. Notwithstanding the adoption of the following resolution by the last Conference—“That no local circumstances can justify a neglect to take a collection for the purposes of this society”—we find that but eighty-four charges out of nearly two hundred report a collection, and many of the charges reporting clearly indicate in the amount of the contribution that the cause of church extension has not been presented to the people, but, on the contrary, that the ministry have contributed the amount themselves. We do not object to the payment of moneys by the ministry in aid of any church interest, but would simply suggest that inasmuch as our people desire the opportunity to contribute of their abundance to the cause of Christ, that this cause, together with the loan fund and annuity features, be presented to them, and the collection taken as the Discipline directs. The General Committee, at its last annual meeting, asked the Detroit Conference to contribute to the general fund of the Society the sum of \$2,000, which sum might have been easily raised had the ministry performed faithfully their duty. In view, therefore, of the manifest indifference to this interest of our Church, we would submit for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That we take pleasure in expressing our approval of the Church Extension Society, and it shall have our hearty sympathy and cordial support.
2. That this Conference can and ought to raise \$2,500 the ensuing Conference year.
3. That the presiding Elders be requested to distribute this amount among the districts and pastoral charges at the earliest practicable moment, and inform the ministry and Secretary of the Conference Board of their action.
4. That the amount collected for this cause be reported on the Conference floor the same as the missionary collection.
5. That we most earnestly invite contributions from all our people to the loan fund, and especially commend to our wealthy members the annuity system adopted by this Society.
6. That the presiding Elders be and are hereby requested to press upon the ministry the importance of taking the Church extension collection.

W. H. BENTON,
J. VENNING,
W. J. CLARK,

Committee.

THE BISHOPS.

THOMAS A. MORRIS.....	Springfield, Ohio.
EDMUND S. JANES.....	New York City.
LEVI SCOTT.....	Odessa, Delaware.
MATTHEW SIMPSON.....	1,018 Arch St., Philadelphia.
OSMON C. BAKER	Concord, N. H.
EDWARD R. AMES	Baltimore, Md.
DAVIS W. CLARK.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
JOHN W. ROBERTS	Monrovia, Africa.

PUBLISHING, Etc.

Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 805 Broadway, New York City.
Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 66 Washington St., Chicago.
Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 190 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.
Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 413 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.
Book, Mission, S. S. and Tract Rooms, No. 133 Woodward Ave., Detroit, Michigan.
Church Extension Head Quarters, 1,018 Arch St., Philadelphia.
Freedmen's Aid Head Quarters, 190 West Fourth St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

In Memoriam.

BISHOP EDWARD THOMSON, D.D., LL.D.

BORN, Portsea, England, October, 1810.

Came to United States, 1819.

Began practice of medicine, 1829.

Converted in 1831.

Entered Ohio Conference, 1832. Began to teach at Norwalk, Ohio, 1833.

Editor *Ladies' Repository*, 1844-6.

President Ohio Western University, 1846-60.

Editor *Christian Advocate*, New York, 1860.

Elected Bishop, May, 1864. Died at Wheeling, Va., March 21, 1870.

His age was sixty. Thirty-eight of these years were given to the Church. As an educator at Norwalk and Delaware, Ohio; as editor of the *Ladies' Repository* and the *Christian Advocate and Journal*, and as a member of the Episcopal Board, by voice, pen and example, he proved himself a spotless, skilled workman, that needeth not to be ashamed either as to the quality or fruits of his labor. A massive intellect, a classic style of expression, thorough study, patient thought, singular modesty, impartial judgment, absence of prejudice, broad human sympathies, and a devout spirit, were among his characteristics; and now, after the close of his unobtrusive yet useful life, the Church will the more fully appreciate how, in respective traits, he emulated Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles, and John the beloved Disciple.

While we lament his sudden death, we yet thank God for the gift of his services, and the tide of good influences he set in motion toward all shores. His death was like the breaking of the alabaster box, for "the house is filled with the odor of the ointment" of his precious memory.

BISHOP CALVIN KINGSLEY, D.D.

BORN, Amesville, N. Y., September 8, 1812.

Licensed to exhort, 1835.

Licensed to preach, 1837.

Graduated, married, elected Professor, and joined Erie Conference, in 1841.

Elected editor *Western Christian Advocate*, 1856.

Re-elected editor *Western Christian Advocate*, 1860.

Elected Bishop, May, 1864.

Died in Beirut, Syria, April 6, 1870.

With a good mind, a resolute will, proper views of life, and a tempered ambition, he began his literal struggle of life. His phlegmatic temperament was blest with its outward counterparts of obstacle and trial. These spurred him on to victory. Difficulties made CALVIN KINGSLEY, and enabled him to realize the poet's prophecy, that these may be ended by active opposition. He was not a genius, unless this consists in a taste for hard work. He did well in every relation of life, and all his labor was consecrated to the glory of God. Death overtook him suddenly while in a genuine Succession, treading the literal paths of Paul and Peter; he died almost within the Holy Land, and found the gates of Heaven within a day's journey of our earthly Jerusalem. The tempests of that far-off land strew his grave with leaves and dust from the tombs of prophets and apostles, but his soul rests with God, Who is nigh unto all that call upon Him.

OUR PROMOTED.

NAME.	Age	DIED.		ADMITTED.	
		Place.	Date.	Conference.	Year.
James V. Watson.....	42	Chicago	October 17, 1856	Missouri	1832
Wellington H. Collins	42	Detroit.....	August 11, 1858.....	Michigan.....	1837
Robert Dubois.....	39	Ann Arbor.....	February 23, 1860.....	Michigan.....	1844
William Mothersill	48	Holly	November 8, 1862.....	Michigan.....	1840
Jonathan Blanchard.....	47	Ann Arbor.....	March 22, 1864.....	Michigan.....	1838
Francis L. West	25	Chattanooga	January 5, 1865.....	Detroit.....	1861
Giles N. Belknap	55	Napoleon.....	April 13, 1866.....	Michigan.....	1848
Aaron Watkins	29	Albany, N. Y.	March 19, 1867.....	Detroit.....	1863
Joseph Shank	49	Fentonville.....	September 31, 1867.....	Oneida.....	1841
Isaac C. Cochrane	46	Utica	October 25, 1867	Detroit.....	1861
William M. Hevener	61	Owosso.....	October, 1867	Michigan.....	1854
John A. Baughman.....	65	Detroit.....	March 1, 1868.....	Ohio	1823
George Smith.....	59	Ann Arbor.....	May 4, 1868.....	Ohio	1833
William Todd	78	Erie, Pa.	May 15, 1869.....	New York.....	1823
James F. Dorey	32	Manchester	August 2, 1869.....	Detroit.....	1862

THE FIFTEEN SESSIONS.

DATE.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
September 17, 1856	Adrian	Morris	S. Reed.
September 2, 1857	Port Huron	Waugh	S. Reed.
September 8, 1858	Ypsilanti.....	Baker	S. Reed.
September 28, 1859	Pontiac	Janes	S. Reed.
September 26, 1860	Dexter	Morris	S. Clements.
September 25, 1861	Detroit.....	Ames	S. Clements.
September 24, 1862	Ann Arbor	Scott	S. Clements.
September 16, 1863	Romeo	Simpson	S. Clements.
September 14, 1864	Adrian	Baker	W. H. Perrine.
September 13, 1865	Flint	Clark	W. H. Perrine.
September 5, 1866	Hudson	Ames	E. H. Pilcher.
September 4, 1867	Saginaw City	Janes	E. H. Pilcher.
August 26, 1868	Ann Arbor	Ames	C. C. Yemans.
September 1, 1869	Detroit.....	Scott	A. Edwards.
August 24, 1870	Fenton.....	Clark	A. Edwards.

DETROIT CONFERENCE REGISTER.

NOTE.—"Div." in the sixth column, indicates the fact that such members fell into the Detroit Conference by the division of 1856.

Will the members concerned help the Secretary to fill all blanks? The same request is made to probationers. The fifth shows time of admission to membership, not to probation.—*Secretary.*

NAME.	NATIVITY.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION.		Came to Detroit Conference	PRESENT POST OFFICE.
	Where.	When	Church or Conference.	When		
Alfred Allen	Penn.	.....	.....	.....	Div.	Detroit.
Charles T. Allen .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Addison.
Charles Miller Anderson	N. Y.	1820	Troy.	1851	1855	Algona.
John Armstrong	Ireland.	1836	Canada W.	1860	1865	Lapeer.
John Motte Arnold	N. Y.	1824	Michigan.	1851	Div.	Detroit.
Charles William Austin	N. Y.	1838	Detroit.	1864	.....	Houghton.
David Ogden Ball	N. Y.	1832	Detroit.	1867	.....	Leoni.
James Balls	England	1820	Detroit.	1868	.....	Fenton.
Leemon Barnes .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Portsmouth.
Edward Barry .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Gratiot.
Alanson Roots Bartlett	N. Y.	1827	Michigan.	1853	Div.	St. Clair.
John Orlando Bancroft	Ohio.	1826	Michigan.	1855	Div.	Clarkston.
Andrew Bell .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ann Arbor.
Wm. H. Benton .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Plymouth.
Wm. Benson	N. Y.	1820	Michigan.	1846	Div.	Clayton.
Samuel Besscy	Vermont.	1815	Michigan.	1846	.....	.....
Andrew Jackson Bigelow	N. Y.	1832	Detroit.	1857	.....	Grass Lake.
Wm. Birdsall	N. Y.	1816	Detroit.	1857	.....	Milton.
Samuel Bird	Ireland.	1820	Detroit.	1861	.....	Davisburg.
Robert Bird	England.	.....	Michigan.	1848	Div.	Birmingham.
Samuel Bibbins	N. Y.	1797	Wesleyan.	1842	1867	Ida.
Elisha Bibbins	N. Y.	1825	Wesleyan.	1845	1867	Oakville.
Wm. Enos Bigelow	N. Y.	1820	Michigan.	1843	Div.	Hudson.
Francis Ashbury Blades	Md.	1821	Michigan.	1848	Div.	Detroit.
Alfred Francis Bourne	Mich.	1836	Detroit.	1863	.....	Port Huron.
Flavel Brittain .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Birmingham.
Henry Newton Brown	England.	.....	.....	.....	.....	Grand Blanc.
Samuel Joshua Brown	N. Y.	1829	Detroit.	1866	.....	Dryden.
Edwin Harleigh Brockway	N. Y.	1825	Detroit.	1856	.....	Fowlerville.
Wm. Q. Burnett .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Flint.
John Herrick Burnham	Mich.	1825	Michigan.	1855	Div.	Bay City.
Sylvester Calkins .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Div.	South Lyon.
Ira Hill Camburn	N. Y.	1815	Detroit.	1857	.....	.....
Wm. John Campbell	England	1827	Detroit.	1862	.....	Wyandotte.
Elisha Ezra Caster	N. Y.	1836	Detroit.	1860	.....	Detroit.
James H. Caster .....	.....	.....	Detroit.	1856	.....	Perry Center.
Charles Lewis Church	Penn.	1838	Detroit.	1867	.....	Central Mine.
Albert B. Clough .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Unadilla.
Wm. J. Clack .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Dundee.
Samuel Clements	N. Y.	1817	Michigan.	1851	Div.	Ann Arbor.
Benjamin Franklin Cocker .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Ann Arbor.
James Robert Cordon	England.	1835	Detroit.	1860	.....	Dixboro.
Rufus Cullen Crane	N. Y.	1824	Michigan.	1853	Div.	Greenville.
Rufus Herbert Crane	Mich.	1836	Detroit.	1860	.....	Dexter.
David A. Curtis .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	Div.	Palmyra.
John Wesley Crippen	Mich.	1833	Detroit.	1859	.....	Utica.
James Henry Curnalia	N. Y.	1836	Detroit.	1862	.....	Fitchburgh.
James Francis Davidson	Ohio.	1810	Ohio.	1831	Div.	Howell.
George R. Davis .....	.....	.....	Detroit.	1869	....	Peking, China.

DETROIT CONFERENCE REGISTER—Continued.

NAME.	NATIVITY.		ADMITTED TO FULL CONNECTION.		Came to Detroit Conference.	PRESENT POST OFFICE.
	Where.	When	Church or Conference.	When		
Lyman Haynes Dean	N. Y.	1829	Detroit.	1857	....	Tecumseh.
Jacob Dobbins .....	....	....	Mich.	1855	Div.	.....
Ira W. Donelson .....	....	1808	Detroit.	1857	Div.	Pontiac.
William Donelly	Penn.	1834	Detroit.	1860	....	Memphis.
Arthur Edwards	Ohio.	1843	Detroit.	1869	....	Chicago.
Isaai Newton Elwood	N. Y.	1843	Detroit.	1869	....	Saginaw City.
Alexander Scott Fair	Canada.	1840	.....	1869	....	North Branch.
Lewis Ransom Fisk	N. Y.	1825	Mich.	1855	Div.	Ann Arbor.
William Fox	Canada.	1824	Detroit.	1856	....	Owosso.
Elias W. Frazee .....	....	....	.....	....	....	Calumet.
Joseph Frazer	Ireland.	1840	Detroit.	1868	....	Trenton.
Rodney Gage	Mass.	1821	N. Eng'd.	1853	1856	Orion.
Thomas Champen Gardiner	N. Y.	1820	Mich.	1845	Div.	Flint.
Alexander Gee	Mich.	1828	.....	1858	....	Oak Grove.
John M. Gordon	N. Y.	1834	Detroit.	1865	....	Petersburg.
Joel Boynton Goss	Mich.	1843	Detroit.	1867	....	Flushing.
John Gray .....	....	....	.....	....	Div.	Dryden.
Nelson Green	Vt.	1830	N. H.	1857	1868	Oxford.
Wesley Hagadorn	Mich.	1838	.....	1867	....	Vassar.
Daniel Webster Hammond	Mich.	1838	Detroit.	1860	....	Vernon.
Joseph Thompson Hankinson	N. Y.	1832	Detroit.	1862	....	Almont.
Erastus R. Haseall .....	....	....	.....	....	Div.	Tecumseh.
Abel W. Harding	N. J.	1838	Detroit.	1869	....	Marysville.
Erastus Otis Haven	Mass.	1820	N. Y.	1848	57-63	Evanston, Ill.
Albert R. Hazen	Ohio.	1824	S. Illinois.	1861	1868	Fairfield.
Benjamin H. Hedger .....	....	....	Mich.	1855	Div.	Goodrich.
Manasseh Hickey	N. Y.	1820	Mich.	1846	Div.	Flint.
Henry Warren Hicks	N. Y.	1838	Meth. Prot.	1858	1868	Chesaning.
Theron Clinton Higgins	N. Y.	18 -	Detroit.	1856	....	Algonae.
Harvey Hodskiss	N. Y.	1818	Wesleyan.	1845	1868	Hamburg.
Joseph Warren Holt	Conn.	1819	Mich.	1848	Div.	Brockway.
Hiram Hood	N. Y.	1818	Gen.	1844	1859	Forester.
Jacob Horton	Mich.	1840	Detroit.	1866	....	Wenona.
Levi Liberty Houghton	N. Y.	1837	Detroit.	1869	....	Midland.
Daniel C. Jacokes .....	....	....	.....	....	Div.	Adrian.
Isaiae Johnson	Ireland.	1819	Wesleyan.	1851	1867	Rochester.
Peter Ostrander Johnson	N. Y.	1817	Mich.	1850	....	Lansing.
John S. Joslin .....	....	....	.....	....	....	Owosso.
Thomas Jefferson Joslin	N. Y.	1829	Mich.	1854	Div.	Detroit.
John Kelly .....	....	....	.....	....	....	Flushing.
Jesse Kilpatrick	Ohio.	1831	Detroit.	1859	....	Brownstown.
Samuel Kitzmiller	Penn.	1832	Detroit.	1869	....	Denton.
Erastus Klumph .....	....	....	Detroit.	1857	....	Caseville.
Robert Conrad Lanning	N. Y.	1819	Meth. Prot.	18 -	1868	Hartland Cen.
Luther Lee	N. Y.	1800	Genesee.	1827	1867	Northville.
John Livingston	Ireland.	1816	Div.	Brighton.
Solomon S. Littlefield	Div.
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George Marcus Lyon	N. Y.	1829	Port Sanilae.
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Richard McConnell	Ireland.	1820	Mich.	1856	Div.	Ruby.
John McEldowny	Ireland.	1824	Wesleyan.	1845	1867	Detroit.
John A. McIlwain .....	....	....	.....	....	....	Wayne.
John H. McIntosh .....	....	....	.....	....	....	Port Hope.
Jacob LaGrange McKown	N. Y.	1824	Oneida.	1849	1869	Albion.
John Maywood	Canada.	1845	Detroit.	1870	....	Bennington.
Wm. P. Maywood .....	....	....	.....	....	....	Au Sauble.
Franklin Wallace May	Mass.	1815	Mich.	1853	Div.	Alpena.
Lewis Mitchell .....	....	....	Detroit.	1856	....	.....
Josiah George Morgan	Mich.	1836	.....	1867	....	Belleville.
Curtis Mosher	N. Y.	1815	Mich.	1850	Div.	Swartz Creek.
Newell Newton	N. Y.	1824	Gen.	1856	1868	Brooklyn.

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James Richards Noble.....	England.	1824	Detroit.	1860
Selah William Noyes.....	N. Y.	1833	Detroit.	1863	Commerce.
T. G. Omans.....					1870	Byron.
George Washington Owen.....	Ohio	1827	Detroit.	1860	Hadley.
Rayner S. Pardington.....	England.	1836	Detroit.	1860	Farmington.
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Jacob E. Parker.....					1870	Adrian.
Elias Elgin Pearman.....	Ind.	1833	N. Ind.	1857	1870	Lima.
Oliver Jacob Perrin.....	Mich.	1838	Detroit.	1862	Morenci.
Nathan Wilkinson Pierce.....	N. Y.	1840	Detroit.	1867	Laingsburg.
Elijah Holmes Pilcher.....	Ohio.	1810	Ohio.	1831	Div.	Holly.
Thomas George Potter.....	Ireland.	1832	Detroit.	1861	Port Huron.
Elias B. Prindle.....	N. Y.	1820	Detroit.	1856	Ann Arbor.
Benjamin Franklin Pritchard.....	Conn.	1815	Mich.	1848	Div.	South Lyon.
John Pugh.....	England.	1801	Minn.	1856	1860	Verona Mills.
Stephen L. Ramsdall.....						Northville.
Seth Reed.....	N. Y.	1823		1848	Div.	Romeo.
Andrew Jackson Richards.....	N. Y.	1831	Detroit.	1868	Corunna.
Ransom R. Richards D. D.....	N. Y.	1812	Mich.	1839	Marquette.
Jesse Barber Russell.....	N. Y.	1832	Detroit.	1860	Watrous ville.
John Russell.....					Div.	Jackson.
Orlando Sanborn.....	N. Y.	1826	Mich.	1855	Div.	Linden.
James W. Scott.....					Pinekney.
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Wm. Henry Shier.....	N. J.	1832	Detroit.	1863	Pontiae.
Charles Simpson.....	N. Y.	1832	Detroit.	1868	Royal Oak.
James Shirley Smart.....					Div.	Romeo.
Thomas Stalker.....	England.	1829	Detroit.	1861	Ypsilanti.
George Stowe.....	Mich.	1828	Detroit.	1863	Mayville.
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Ebenezer Steele.....	Mass.	1808	Mich.	1841	Div.	Ann Arbor.
Barton S. Taylor.....					Mt. Clemens.
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